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A photograph of a man and a woman standing outdoors in front of a large building with a prominent white dome and spires. The man, on the right, is wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and an orange patterned tie. He has short brown hair and glasses. The woman, on the left, is wearing a black long-sleeved top over a purple top. She has long brown hair and is smiling. They are both looking towards the camera.

## The Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business

Louis M. Ricciardi, '81, stands with alumna Julie Blanchette, a 2009 recipient of the Michael J. Ricciardi Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of Mr. Ricciardi's father.



# StudentSpotlight

**CHEMISTRY MAJOR MELISSA BRULOTTE** was chosen by the Northeastern sections of the Younger Chemists Committee and the American Chemical Society to present her research at an international conference in Nürnberg, Germany, in March. Her research on how cancer cells develop has earned the Weymouth native a number of accolades, including an ACS POLYED Organic Chemistry award and a \$3,500 research grant from the American Chemical Society. The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education honored her last spring with the "29 Who Shine" award, presented to exceptional students. She also has served as a mentor to underclassmen.

## **What led you to cancer research?**

What I am doing is related to cancer research, but not directly related to finding prevention or a cure. We do the groundwork in trying to determine how cancer happens, which may lead to another group finding a cure. I became interested in this research when I talked to my mentor, Dr. Samer Lone, in 2009. Now, I can't get enough of it. I just love working on the bench, sometimes for days and weeks, and then finally getting a result.

## **What was your response to being one of 12 students chosen by NESACS to present at the undergraduate conference in Germany?**

It feels amazing to be selected from such a large pool of both undergraduate and graduate students. Some of the students were undoubtedly from large research institutions, and the fact that I got chosen tells you something about the level of education we get at Bridgewater State University.


## **How was your experience running labs for the STREAMS (Student Retention Enhancement Across Mathematics and Science) project?**

Working with the freshmen in BSU's Summer Bridge and Structured Learning Assistance programs for STREAMS has helped solidify my decision to be a teacher. I love working with students. It is and was wonderful to see that look of understanding in their eyes when they finally comprehend something they've been working on.

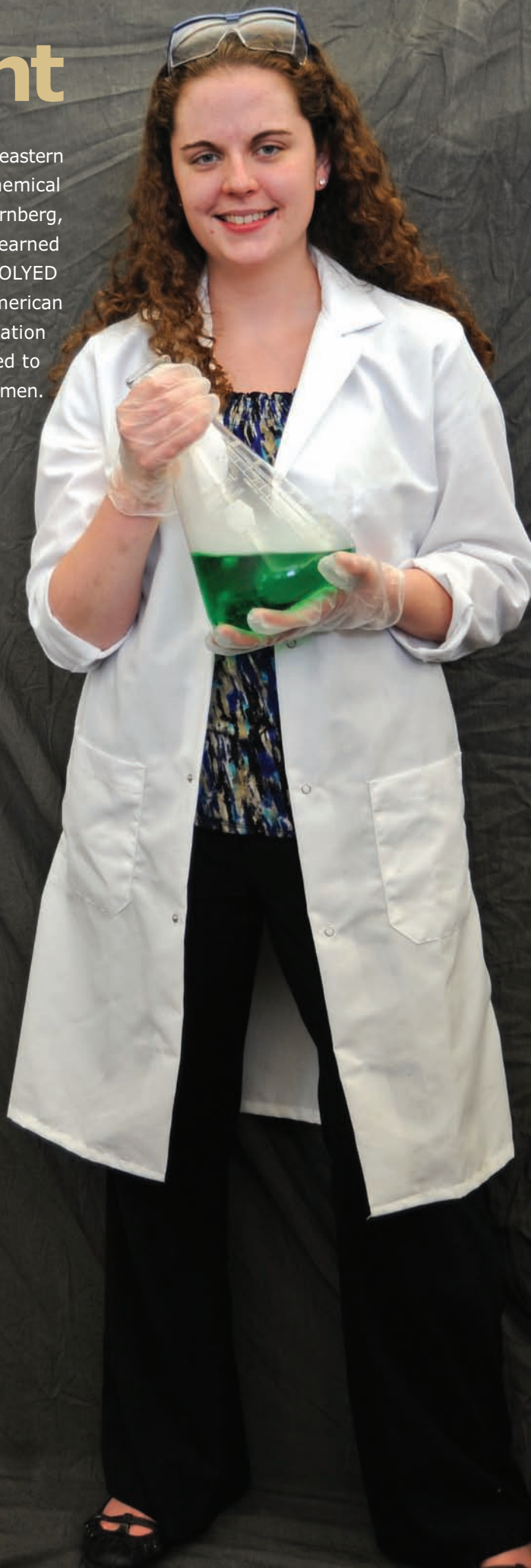
## **How has earning accolades for your research affected your attitude toward your work?**

Earning research grants has been integral in allowing me to continue my projects. They help further my education and show graduate schools the dedication I have to biochemistry. It is good to see people acknowledging that what I am working on is important and that they trust me to work on it. Without that encouragement, and support from friends, faculty and family, I don't know that I would stay inspired to continue research.

## **What guidance from professors/mentors do you receive?**

Most undergraduate research projects in the sciences are directly guided by a mentor, because, as undergraduates, we simply do not have the knowledge or training to come up with our own projects. Dr. Lone guided me in my project the entire time. He's taught me many new laboratory techniques and more about biochemistry than you can learn in a classroom. He advised me about courses, internships and graduate schools. Research and his advice have inspired me to become a teacher myself someday, hopefully at an institution with an undergraduate research program. Professors and mentors are invaluable resources at BSU. 

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# A message from the president

Dear friends,

This past July, I celebrated my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Bridgewater family. Though the institution has changed immeasurably over those two decades, the one constant has been the steadfast commitment of our people to embrace the spirit of excellence. This spirit of excellence, as evidenced by the many stories of personal and professional success showcased in this issue of *Bridgewater*, requires little in the way of introduction or definition. To put it simply, you know it when you see it.

Forward thinking, tremendous innovation, wonderful creativity and care for a greater good may be common features of excellence at Bridgewater, but the telltale signs of achievement are as remarkable and unique as the individuals themselves. You needn't look very far to find them.

Mr. Louis Ricciardi, '83, for whom the university recently named its College of Business, has been a standard-bearer for excellence since his early days as Bridgewater's first alumni trustee. Mr. Ricciardi's most recent gift to the university takes the form of an endowed internship program focused on entrepreneurial leadership.

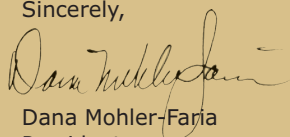
Chemistry major Melissa Brulotte, '12, may have presented her research to some of the top scientists in the world, but it hasn't lessened her desire to work hand-in-hand with first-year students and helping them to succeed.

Building upon his years of service as a state representative, and a vision that motivated him to be the legislative champion for the creation of the state university system, Peter Koutoujian, '83, has set an ambitious agenda as the newly appointed Middlesex County Sheriff. At the same time, one of his classmates, Frederick Clark Jr., '83, is readying for his own new challenge as BSU's new executive vice president and vice president for the Division of External Affairs.

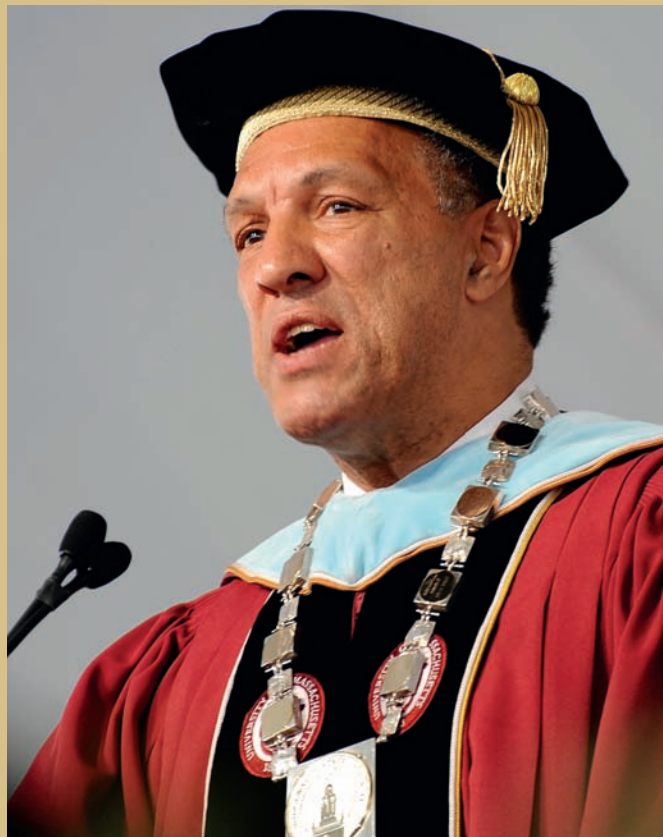
Equally inspiring is the passion, imagination and dedication of some key members of our faculty. Dr. Nancy Moses, professor of dance, earned the attention of the National Endowment for the Arts and was awarded a significant grant for her work on "Ellis Island." Music Professor Donald Running introduced the concept of an improvisation-style, open mic night for aspiring musicians on campus. Dr. Arthur Lizie, associate professor of communication studies, is heading up the Bridgewater Growing Spaces Community Gardens project. Drs. Diana Fox of anthropology and Darcy Boellstorff are bringing their expertise to community-building projects in Jamaica and Malawi, respectively. Meanwhile, Art Professor Magaly Ponce is returning to campus following a three-nation exhibit of her multimedia display on humpback whales.

These are just a few of the reminders that the spirit of excellence is all around us. As you peruse this issue of *Bridgewater*, my sincere hope is that the vibrancy of our institution jumps off the page. Even more important, however, is an appreciation that people – people that are both changing lives and having their lives changed – are at the very core of this spirit.

Sincerely,



Dana Mohler-Faria  
President



# A lasting legacy

## Vice President Edward Minnock remembered for his service to BSU and beyond

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

He was the man with the smile, the perfect posture and the twinkle in his eye. He was the face of Bridgewater State University in town and around the world, his easygoing but confident manner opening doors and forging partnerships.

Everyone, it seems, liked him.

Dr. Edward Minnock will be remembered for all this and more. The vice president for external affairs died unexpectedly Aug. 2. He leaves behind what President Dana Mohler-Faria has termed "a large legacy." He was 63.

"Ed and I go back a long way," President Mohler-Faria said. We were "two people who had, I believe, trust, respect, concern and love for each other. He was truly a person who made a difference in this world."

Dr. Minnock was born in Onset to Edward W. Minnock Sr. and the late Mary (Perry) Minnock. He earned degrees from the University of Tampa and Emporia State University, and received his doctorate from Kansas State University. Before coming to BSU, he worked at several state universities, large and small, and even spent a short time working as a parole officer in Florida.

A humble man, Dr. Minnock didn't always share the facts of his service in Vietnam. He's been described as "a hero" by those who knew him.

He joined the army as a teenager in 1966. Two years later, as a private (still only 19), he was appointed as acting operations sergeant for the 404<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Detachment, which was attached to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. Stationed in the almost abandoned village of Phu Hiep, just a few miles south of Tuy Hoa City, he was monitoring enemy communications for the entire province. Using the information he gleaned, Dr. Minnock produced a tactical analysis of the enemy's plans that was credited with saving Tuy Hoa City

(a population of more than 100,000 at that time), and locating the 5<sup>th</sup> North Vietnamese Army Division Headquarters, which was subsequently bombed.

For his initiative in a complex combat situation, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the only private soldier to receive this award in the history of the U.S. Army, for serving in positions of exceptional responsibility. When notifying Dr. Minnock of the recommendation, a commanding general told him: "You did what the colonels should have done, you made the difference."

In 1990, he was inducted in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

"He was so unassuming and humble," said Dr. Minnock's close friend, Bridgewater Town Manager Troy Clarkson. "To know him, you would have never known about this."

During his tenure as vice president of external affairs, Dr. Minnock oversaw development of a wide-ranging international program that saw increased study-abroad opportunities for students, as well as exchange partnerships with dozens of universities, from Jordan to China. It's telling that tributes on a Web page the university created for condolences about Dr. Minnock came not only from across campus and around town, but also from such distant places as the Middle East and Asia.

"Ed was clearly the architect of our international education programs here at Bridgewater, responsible for a wide range of contacts and partnerships," said Dr. Michael Kryzanek, director of the Center for International Engagement. "He was well respected among international educators from Jordan to Kenya to Cairo, and our international program and our whole emphasis on creating a global community here at Bridgewater was the dream of Ed Minnock, and he made it come true."

Dr. Minnock also worked on strengthening the relationship between BSU and




its host community. Sorting through competing interests and longstanding battles, his efforts helped to bring the town of Bridgewater and the university closer, said Mr. Clarkson.

"I know his title was vice president of external affairs, but his job was really ambassador of friendship, and it was always sincere," he said. "He put a very human face on the university, and I miss him dearly."

Dr. Minnock is survived by his wife, Rose; his father, Edward W. Minnock Sr.; a son, Edward W. Minnock III; a daughter, Kelly Barnett; two step-daughters, Donna Lee Nehez and Sherri McCloskey; four sisters; six grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

"I can tell you I've never felt this depth of mourning; this campus is devastated," President Mohler-Faria said.

Dr. Kryzanek said that feeling is being felt by Dr. Minnock's friends and colleagues, near and far. "His loss was enormous in what he meant to external affairs, at the local, state and international levels," he said. "The opportunities he created for students and faculty over the last five years were clearly instrumental in changing the character of this institution from a regional one to a global one." 

*Material from the Web site for Fort Huachuca, home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM)/9<sup>th</sup> Army Signal Command was used in this story.*





## The new sheriff in town

**Peter Koutoujian, '83, appointed by governor to Middlesex County post**

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

There's a new sheriff in town, and he has a familiar face.

In January, Peter Koutoujian was appointed Middlesex County Sheriff by Gov. Deval Patrick. The new role builds on the 1983 graduate's many years of public service, which include more than a decade on Beacon Hill representing the 10<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District.

"It's one of my most satisfying professional achievements to date," Sheriff Koutoujian said. "I've been very fortunate since graduating from Bridgewater in having jobs that I've always felt were the best I would ever have. Then I get to move on to do something I love even more."

In a guest column in the *Metrowest Daily News*, Sheriff Koutoujian wrote that the word "sheriff" once conjured

for him the idea of a law-and-order man from out of the old west.

However, that's a fantasy. "Modern Middlesex County, however, is not the Wild West. The bad guys are less obvious, and the heroes are, in many cases, hidden in the background," he wrote.

Indeed, the job is a busy one with lots of responsibility. The Middlesex Sheriff's Office manages a \$60 million budget, 800 employees, and almost 1,400 inmates, while operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Koutoujian has set some ambitious goals for the department, including improving public safety, creating a safer working environment for officers, and providing those in the custody of the Middlesex

Sheriff's Office the opportunity to better their lives.

"Recidivism is very costly," Sheriff Koutoujian said.

Preventing inmates from reoffending once their sentences are over and they're back in the community lowers crime, saves the taxpayers the nearly \$50,000 annually it takes to keep someone behind bars in the MSO system, and creates a contributing member of society who has a regular job and pays taxes, he said.

Not easy stuff, but Sheriff Koutoujian would seem to have the experience necessary for the job. He served as a Middlesex assistant district attorney from 1991-1995, and as a state representative served 40,000 constituents in the 10<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District (Newton, Waltham and Watertown).

During his years on Beacon Hill, he sponsored the bill that ultimately led to Bridgewater State College becoming Bridgewater State University.

"That's one of the things I'm most proud of," Sheriff Koutoujian said.

His impressive background made him the best person for the job, Gov. Patrick said, when announcing Sheriff Koutoujian's appointment.

"As a former assistant district attorney and relentless advocate for both crime victims and social services, Sheriff Koutoujian brings a wealth of expertise, passion and know-how to this critical position," he said. "I look forward to working with him to strengthen our re-entry programs and reduce youth violence."

Sheriff Koutoujian earned his Bachelor of Science in psychology from Bridgewater State University and his Juris Doctor from the New England School of Law. He also earned a master's degree in public affairs from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Sheriff Koutoujian is a lifelong resident of Waltham. ■

# New trustees named to board

**Joan Wallace-Benjamin and John Walsh appointed; new student trustee joins board**

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Joan Wallace-Benjamin, PhD, president and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers, and John E. Walsh, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, are the newest members of Bridgewater State University's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wallace-Benjamin joined The Home for Little Wanderers in 2003. Under her guidance, the agency has gained prominence in the field of child and family service providers, becoming a leader in innovative programming for underserved populations and expanding its role of advocacy for all children. She also served as Gov. Deval Patrick's chief of staff as part of his transition team during his first months in office.

She is no stranger to BSU. Three years ago, the university partnered with The Home for Little Wanderers with the goal of bringing a number of the young people who "age out" of the state's foster care system to the institution to provide them with a chance to obtain a college education. Dr. Wallace-Benjamin also delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree during BSU's 2011 spring commencement.

"Investing in the education of younger generations to prepare them for successful futures is more important now than ever," she said. "Bridgewater State University, Dr. Mohler-Faria and the board of trustees have demonstrated this commitment through their support of programs like The Home's Academic Support for College and Life program at the university. Through this exciting, ongoing collaboration, both our staff and Bridgewater's have identified innovative ways to assist youth who have aged out of state systems of care and who are pursuing degrees in higher education. It is an honor to join such a distinguished



Dr. Joan Wallace-Benjamin



John E. Walsh



Juan De Leon, '12

group of trustees who together can work toward a common goal."

Mr. Walsh is the chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, a role he has held since 2007. In March 2005, he met Deval Patrick, then considered a long shot candidate for governor. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Walsh became Gov. Patrick's campaign manager, helping his successful run in the 2006 gubernatorial race.

He is president of Independent Insurance Agency in Abington, which serves the South Shore of Massachusetts; served 10 years as a member of the Abington Board of Selectmen; and for three years was a member of the Plymouth County Charter Commission. Mr. Walsh is a member and former chairman of the Abington Democratic Town Committee and a former chairman of the Plymouth County Democratic League.

Mr. Walsh is a 1976 graduate of Brockton's Cardinal Spellman High School, where he is a member of the board of trustees. He has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University. He lives in

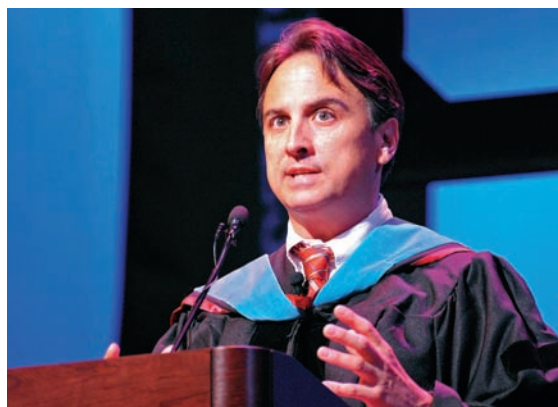
Abington with his wife, Donna, and son, Coleman.

This year's student trustee is Juan De Leon, a senior geography major and a native of the Dominican Republic. He is a senior resident assistant in Woodward Hall. Previously, he had served as a resident assistant. He was also an orientation leader during summer 2010.

Juan is heavily involved in the BSU community. He is a member of many organizations and serves on a number of committees for Residence Life and Housing, as well as the Student Government Association, for which he served as a senator during 2009-2010. He is starting his second term as vice president for Men Integrated in Brotherhood, an organization that seeks to create a sense of community among minority men on campus. He was a member of the football team during his freshman and sophomore years.

At the age of 10, Juan moved from the Dominican Republic to Northbridge, where he still lives. After graduation he plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps as a commissioned officer. ■

**Keynote speaker** at this year's new student convocation was Dr. Paul Hobaica, '88, (right), official doctor for the Collier County Fire Districts in Naples, FL, and medical director of the corporate health program for Arthrex, an international company specializing in orthopedic instruments. Dr. Hobaica also founded and operates a custom health care program for first responders.





# Alumna named teacher of the year

The National Math and Science Initiative presented Maureen Melanson, '01, with the All American Teacher of the Year award in science, honoring her and 22 recipients from across the country at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

"I was speechless. To get an award for something you love doing every day is amazing," she said.

Ms. Melanson has taught and coordinated advanced placement biology courses at Methuen High School for eight years. Through her efforts, the school in 2008 adopted NMSI's AP Training and Incentive Program (APTIP) aimed at increasing student achievement and college readiness, and expanding access to AP course exams.

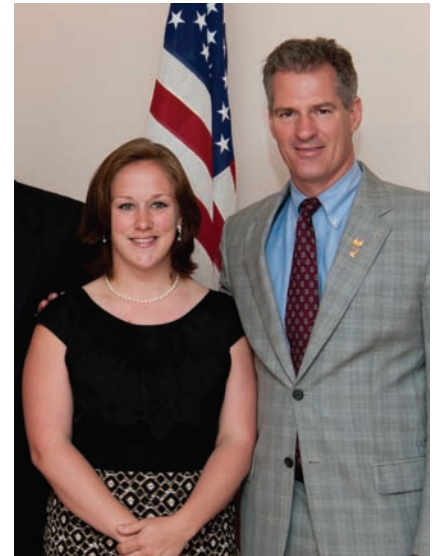
Since then, the school's AP course enrollment has increased dramatically, from 60 students to nearly 350 last year, while the quality of the courses has remained high.

"What we did was bring the kids up to that next level of learning," said Ms. Melanson. "More students are reaching their potential and doing what they want to do and believing in themselves. It's exciting having students get their feet wet at such a young age."

Expanding on her work, next year Ms. Melanson will head the AP programs of five high schools across the region.

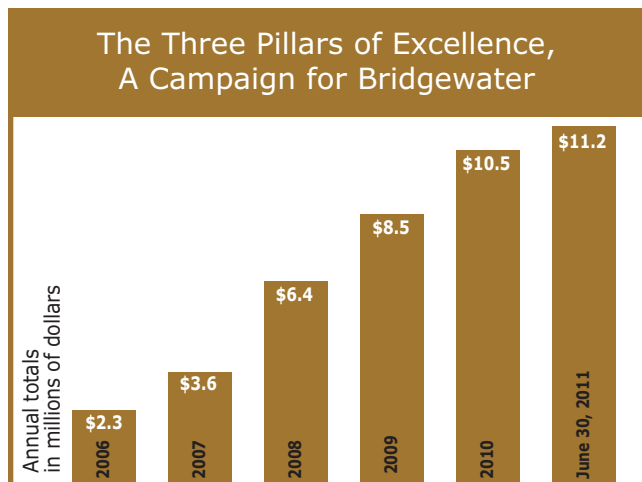
She said part of her job is to pique student interest in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math). And it's a fulfilling position, she said. "It's breathtaking to have such an impact on these kids. It's very rewarding being a teacher."

Launched in 2007, NMSI aims to improve the nation's public school system by expanding the number of high school students mastering college-level courses and preparing college students to become qualified math, science and computer science teachers.



Maureen Melanson, '01, and Sen. Scott Brown

APTIP has been implemented in 10 states: Arkansas, Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia. The UTeach program is being implemented by 22 universities across the United States, and enrollment has tripled in the past three years. ■



## BSU campaign tops \$11 million

Despite challenging economic times, contributions to the Three Pillars of Excellence campaign for Bridgewater have topped \$11.2 million. The BSU Foundation oversees the institution's endowment and enjoys the active involvement of a diverse board of trustees made up of alumni and regional leaders. Tom Caron, '75, president and CEO of the Bank of Easton, is chair of the Foundation's investment committee.

## Another victory for athletics director

John Harper, director of athletics and recreation, has been named Eastern College Athletic Conference administrator of the year for 2010-2011. He was honored at the ECAC Convention and Trade Show on Oct. 2.

"It is wonderful to be recognized in such a special way for merely doing your job, but it points out the real reason why we are in this profession," he said. "If it were not for the thousands of student-athletes who have participated in our program over the years, there would be no Bridgewater State University athletics. I am indebted to them and to the administrators and coaches who have given selflessly of their time and talents over the past 20 years to make BSU athletics successful."

Mr. Harper has been synonymous with athletics at BSU for two decades. He has seen the program grow in many areas, and was integral in the design and construction of the Adrian Tinsley Center, which opened in 2002. He also was involved in building Alumni Park, home to the Bears' baseball and softball teams since 1996, and the \$4.7 million 2010 renovation of the Swenson Field Complex, which serves the football, soccer, field hockey, and track and field squads.

Mr. Harper oversees a department that operates two divisions of programming in 21 intercollegiate sports and campus recreation, which provides opportunities in intramural sports, club sports and fitness/wellness for the college community. ■

# Coming home

## Frederick W. Clark Jr., '83, named to BSU's senior administrative staff

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

It's a homecoming of sorts for Fred Clark Jr., who returns to his alma mater Nov. 1 to become executive vice president and vice president for the Division of External Affairs.

Mr. Clark comes to Bridgewater State University after several years as executive officer for the Council of Presidents of the Massachusetts State Universities.

"To have the chance to serve an institution which has had so much to do with who I've become and the opportunities I've been given is both exciting and emotional for me," he said. "This institution has been my passion, and it will continue to be for the rest of my career."

Mr. Clark began his long association with BSU as an undergraduate in the early 1980s. After earning his J.D. at Suffolk University, Mr. Clark served on the BSU Board of Trustees as vice chair from 1995 to 1997, and as chair from 1998 to 2002. He became vice chair of the foundation board in 2002, completing his term in 2007.

In a career that has straddled business and public service, highlights include 17 years with U.S. Congressman John Joseph Moakley as district chief of staff, legal counsel and Washington liaison officer; vice president for the Mirrione Realty Corp of Easton, and volunteer chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Notably, in that last role, Mr. Clark was instrumental in passing a \$2.2 billion capital bond bill, which made possible the construction of the new

\$98.7 million science and mathematics complex at BSU. In addition, he played a crucial role in the attainment of university status for the Massachusetts State College System, which included Bridgewater State University.

President Dana Mohler-Faria said Mr. Clark's background means he's ideally suited for his new position. "I am so pleased that Fred will soon be joining us," he said. "His many years of experience in public higher education will be invaluable, and there is no doubt that Fred will be a major contributor to the future success of Bridgewater State University."

Mr. Clark was born in Brockton and raised in Easton, where he still lives with his wife, Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, and their three children, Justin (a current BSU student), Derek and Reilly. He is a 1979 graduate of Oliver Ames High School in Easton. After graduation, he came to what was then Bridgewater State College, where he majored in political science.

Mr. Clark speaks often of the influence of Dr. Michael Kryzanek, whom he credits with setting him on the path to success. The longtime political science professor, and current director of global studies and executive director of international engagement, recalled how Mr. Clark showed great promise even in his early years.



"Fred Clark is a prime example of what Bridgewater State University stands for – a public university that offers educational opportunities for first-generation residents of Massachusetts," he said. "He showed at an early age that he possessed the leadership skills that would allow him to move quickly into positions of ever-greater responsibility."

But Mr. Clark has never forgotten his roots and his ties to BSU, Dr. Kryzanek added.

Throughout his life, Mr. Clark has demonstrated a desire to assist students from across the commonwealth in need of a hand. He continues to serve as president of the John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation, which he co-founded in 2001, and that has provided more than \$1.6 million in scholarships for students pursuing vocational, undergraduate and graduate education. The scholarships have made post-secondary education possible for hundreds of students who otherwise would not have been able to pursue their dreams.

This remains central to the work he does, Mr. Clark said.

"The preservation and expansion of the opportunities offered through public higher education are the source of my motivation and passion for Bridgewater State University." ■





For the first time in its long and storied history, Bridgewater State University's Board of Trustees voted to name one of its five colleges. Henceforward, business majors will matriculate through the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business. Mr. Ricciardi graduated from BSU in 1981 and has served the university in various capacities for more than 30 years, beginning with his election at age 29 as the youngest alumni trustee. Mr. Ricciardi sees this naming recognition as "a humbling experience and an extraordinary honor." (See a profile about Mr. Ricciardi on page 11.) President Dana Mohler-Faria shares his thoughts about Mr. Ricciardi's long association with BSU and speaks about the Ricciardi College of Business and its significance to the region.

# Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business

## BSU's Board of Trustees honors an esteemed alumnus

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

*Over its 170-year history, Bridgewater State University has named buildings and prominent spaces within buildings in honor of esteemed alumni and key stakeholders, but never a school or college. Why now?*

There are really three very significant reasons why we chose to name the college of business after Lou. First and foremost, in terms of volunteer service – both on the board of trustees and on our foundation board – Lou has given a tremendous amount of his time and energy. We want to recognize him for that. Secondly, he is a wonderful business leader and a good example to students. He represents the university well, not only in how he developed his own business, but also in how he serves the broader community. And, finally, his financial contributions to the institution are generous and continue to make a difference in the lives of, literally, generations of students.

*The naming of the college emphasizes its importance. What role do you see the college of business playing in the region?*

As a college within the only four-year public institution in Southeastern Massachusetts, the Ricciardi College of Business has a prominent and important role to play in the region. It provides the opportunity not only for students, but also for citizens in the region to gain the credentials they need to secure a position or advance in areas of business and industry. And, it is a resource to the region in terms of supporting current businesses. By sharing our resources, we can help businesses maintain their current status, advance and grow.

*We recently received the approval to launch two new master's degree programs – the MBA and the MSA. Can you speak to the importance of these degrees?*

It goes without saying that our Master of Business Administration and our Master of Science in Accountancy degrees will enhance the college of business and provide an even broader resource for the people of the region. The flexibility of both programs allows students to maintain their professional and family obligations while seeking a degree. It's also important to understand that the Ricciardi College of Business offers numerous undergraduate degrees in three areas: accounting and finance, aviation science and management.

*My understanding is that Mr. Ricciardi's financial contribution to the university is earmarked for student internships.*

Yes. Lou's contribution allows us to develop more internships, which are critically important to students, particularly in business. There's no substitute for the hands-on experience working within a company or organization. There's also the added caveat that developing more internship partnerships also helps further develop the relationship between regional businesses and the university.

*As of now, the university places approximately 400 students in internships with approximately 150 companies. Does the university have any plans to expand its internship initiative to allow more students to participate?*

Absolutely. One of the challenges students have in not participating in internships is financial. When you consider that the majority of Bridgewater students work one and two jobs to help pay for their education, it's easy to understand that they simply cannot afford to commit to an unpaid internship. In the coming academic year, the university is making a concerted effort to raise funds specifically for internships with the goal of increasing the number of students participating to more than 600 in the near future.

*Given the current job market and state of the economy, what advice would you give to a graduate of the college of business?*

The question of job placement and finding jobs has come up quite often during this economic slowdown. My advice to students is to continue to sharpen their skills, remain focused and cast that net as wide as they can. Remember, it is better to be unemployed with a degree than without one. Be patient. If we look at the data and statistics, unemployment for educated individuals is much lower. Ultimately, graduates will find a place. ■



# College of business begins new chapter in a long and storied history

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

There's no denying it – the Ricciardi College of Business at Bridgewater State University is closely associated with the economic health of the region, providing a well-educated, thoroughly prepared work force for businesses from the smallest enterprises to the largest corporations.

Dean Marian Extejt joined BSU in the spring of 2010, drawn to the campus, in her words, "because of the commitment and quality of the faculty. There is so much going on here, so much potential. It's a wonderful place to be."

Several overarching goals face the college of business at this juncture in its history, and Dean Extejt believes that with recent additions to its master's degree programs, BSU is well positioned to take its place among the leaders of business education.

Given the fact that Bridgewater State University is situated in the fastest-growing region in the commonwealth, it is critical that the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business prepares students to take their places in a diverse business community by challenging them to think critically and lead with integrity and honor.

In a June 2010 report prepared by the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), Southeastern Massachusetts is called "the economic stepchild of the state – always lagging behind in indicators of economic strength such as employment, income, education and new investment." The cities of Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton – four of the university's "feeder" towns – are identified as "typical examples of places that have been hurt by industrial disinvestment and relocation." Bottom line: These are towns that need the expertise and innovation BSU graduates can bring to the region.

Creating high expectations encourages high levels of performance. "The college plans to have multiple resources available to support intellectual contributions by its faculty," said Dean Extejt. These intellectual contributions, she said, might take the form of traditional corporate case studies, professional presentations and published works in peer-reviewed journals. Students, in turn, benefit from the

high-level performance of their faculty and are inspired to higher achievements in their own work.

The college of business began its journey in the 1960s, when the board of education first approved BSU's granting of a bachelor's degree in business, as well as aviation science and computer science, paving the way for the transition from a strictly teachers college to the comprehensive liberal arts university it is today.

Indeed, Bridgewater State University has come a long way since then. In fall 2011, with board approval, the Ricciardi College of Business launched its MBA and an MSA (Master of Science in Accountancy). Dean Extejt explained that BSU's MBA "gives a student a broad perspective on all business functions. Our programs are flexible, so if students travel with their jobs or have small children, for example, they are able to balance their everyday responsibilities with their course load."

Howard London, provost and vice president for academic affairs, cited the added prestige of the MBA and MSA as important to students' career goals. "There are more opportunities for students graduating with one of these two advanced degrees. And, with more than 85 percent of our students remaining the region, the advanced programs serve also as a stimulus to our business community." He added, "One of the great strengths of these programs resides in the quality of teaching of our faculty."

In addition to launching both the MBA and MSA degree programs, the university plans to expand its involvement with business alumni by inviting professionals back to campus on a regular basis to speak to classes relevant to their lines of work. For example, a professional accountant might speak to a class about the CPA exam and offer strategies that might work when taking the test.

In discussing the plan, Dean Extejt said, "This will be a win-win-win, for students, faculty and alumni. The student experience is enhanced through hearing firsthand from role models; the faculty message is reinforced with real-life stories; and alumni have the opportunity to connect back with the university in a meaningful way."■



# Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business

**Bridgewater State University is proud to announce the naming of its college of business to honor distinguished alumnus, Louis M. Ricciardi, '81, for his decades of service to the institution, dating back to his term as the board of trustees' first alumni trustee.**

BY KAREN A. BOOTH



Over the years, Mr. Ricciardi has worked tirelessly for BSU, now serving in his fourth five-year term on the board of trustees; 2011 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year he has served as chair of the board during this timespan. He is a founding member of the Bridgewater Foundation; chaired the campaign to construct Alumni Park; and is currently serving the commonwealth as vice chair of the Board of Higher Education.

"Lou Ricciardi exemplifies the best in a public servant," said President Dana Mohler-Faria. "His commitment to public higher education, his leadership, his steadfast allegiance to Bridgewater's students, and his tireless efforts on behalf of his alma mater are without equal. He is well deserving of this recognition."



Standing with Louis Ricciardi are (from left): Dr. Jabbar Al-Obaidi, with whom Mr. Ricciardi traveled to support the outreach of BSU's Center for International Engagement, and emeritus faculty Stanley Antoniotti and Dr. Thomas Curley, undergraduate advisers of Mr. Ricciardi.

Of this honor, Mr. Ricciardi said, "It's humbling, exciting and still not easy to get my head around. I have so many different emotions. Bridgewater more than prepared me for life and helped me develop the ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances. I grew up in Southeastern Massachusetts, went to college, created a business, stayed involved ... and by working hard and giving back, I have tried to make a difference in the life of this university."

Mr. Ricciardi is passionate about the importance of combining business education with a liberal arts education. "History, literature and writing all impact the ability to think, adapt and communicate. It is important to understand economic and business principles within the context of human relationships. Those who succeed in business are successful dealing with people, employees, customers and the community ... this understanding comes from the humanity part of the liberal arts education."

Mr. Ricciardi also announced a significant contribution to The Three Pillars of Excellence, a Campaign for Bridgewater. With these funds, he established the first endowed entrepreneurial leadership internship at the university.

"An internship gives a student the opportunity to couple academic learning with real-world experience," said Mr. Ricciardi. "And that gives a student a real leg up in the job market."







## Indianapolis internship offers valuable insight into business world

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

Laura Babij, '11, interned in the marketing department of the Delta Faucet Company in Indianapolis, a far cry from her hometown, Montague, MA. How she got from here to there is a story of networking combined with a can-do

attitude. Sometimes, all you need to get your foot in the door is an introduction; the rest, Ms. Babij knows, is up to the individual.

In her case, a family friend worked at Delta Faucet and helped float her résumé to the top of the pile. On campus, Ms. Babij credits Career Services with helping her with her cover letter and résumé. She was offered the internship after three phone interviews. BSU management professor Mercer Fellouris monitored Ms. Babij's progress through a weekly e-mail report.

Ms. Babij's initial task was to analyze "each division of faucet: one-handle kitchen, one-handle lavatory, two-handle lavatory, and so on," she said. This required her to create an Excel template and compare each category to competitors Moen, Kohler and Price Pfister. To do this, she visited Lowe's and Home Depot, taking meticulous notes and analyzing the faucet aisles.

"I also created PowerPoint presentations for marketing research events. I even traveled to see research events firsthand: Jackson and Nashville, TN, and Cincinnati," she said. "I helped with set-up, observed the research and was privy to the results a few weeks later."

According to Ms. Babij, the value of her internship cannot be overstated. "It not only helped me develop my job skills, but also taught me the value of professionalism – in dress, in interaction with upper-level management, in workplace protocol."

"The greatest thing I learned about myself is that confidence is key. I worked hard, had a great experience and met a great network of people."

Ms. Babij graduated in May with a degree in business management with a marketing concentration and a public relations minor. "I have enjoyed my Bridgewater experience very much. The professors, coaches, staff and students are amazing, always giving, always respectful. The management faculty was always helpful with questions and advice, as were the people in athletics. I'm excited to graduate, but sad to leave such a great institution." ■

# Going the

## BSU students travel far and wide

BY KAREN A. BOOTH



Graduate student Amilcar Monteiro (left) and Philip DeSilva, '85

## Entrepreneur alumnus provides Florida internship to BSU student

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

Every story has a beginning, and the story of graduate student Amilcar Monteiro's internship began before he was even aware of the story line. It happens that Philip DeSilva, '85, had kept in touch with his former boss, Thomas St. Thomas, '75, of Bridgewater, for whom he worked during the summer months while a student at BSU. One thing led to another, and, after nearly a quarter of a century, Mr. DeSilva, who, during his postgraduate years had become a successful entrepreneur based in Tampa, FL, reconnected with his friend and with his alma mater. And he liked what he saw.

Fast forward a few months. Mr. DeSilva, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in management, met with director of career services John Paganelli to discuss setting up an internship for BSU students. Management professor Dr. Martin Grossman was consulted, and the two – Mr. Paganelli and Dr. Grossman – flew to Florida to learn more about Courier Advisory Group (CAG), Mr. DeSilva's transportation distribution service. They liked what they saw.

And the rest, as they say, is history. Dr. Grossman invited students to apply for the internship. Candidates



# extra mile

## to take on rewarding internships

sent their applications and essays directly to Mr. DeSilva, who selected Mr. Monteiro, an international student from Cape Verde. The internship includes airfare to and from Florida, accommodations and a stipend.

Courier Advisory Group delivers goods to pharmaceutical companies, as well as to 22 other major accounts, including Wal-Mart and Fuji Film. It operates 36 offices from Tampa, FL, to Colby, ME, and is expanding to the Midwest.

"This is a unique opportunity for a motivated student to get firsthand experience in the fast-paced world of logistics," said Dr. Grossman. "CAG utilizes state-of-the-art logistics software, as well as scanner and GPS technologies to track all package deliveries. With dozens of hubs across the country and thousands of distribution points, the mission is very time-intensive.

"Theory can only get you so far in the business world. In today's competitive job market, an internship experience differentiates an applicant, often leading to a hire," said Dr. Grossman.

Mr. Paganelli couldn't agree more. As director of career services, he works with regional and national companies to place more than 400 students in internships each academic year.

"This is a rare opportunity," said Mr. Monteiro, just prior to departing for Florida, "and the best thing that could have happened to me. One of my goals in coming to America was to get hands-on experience with American companies. This internship increases my knowledge of technology, operations and management, all of which are involved with my master's in management program."

Mr. Monteiro is a serious-minded student with a decidedly professional demeanor. He describes himself as open-minded and eager to learn. Before coming to BSU, he spent 10 years working in management and technology in Cape Verde.

"I like academia," he said, "but, for sure, I prefer the professional environment and a hands-on job. 'Think to act and act to think' is a motto of Amilcar Cabral, a Cape Verdean leader of the Independence. I like that. It gives me motivation to focus on my education, while I'm driven by market dynamics." ■

Amilcar Monteiro stands outside the Oklahoma Wal-Mart Pharmaceutical Distribution Center, a client of Courier Advisory Group, with whom Mr. Monteiro interned over the summer. As part of his internship, he traveled to the distribution center to follow new routes opened by CAG.



# A focus on serving the

**As teacher, politician, law enforcement administrator and, now, as entrepreneur, Peter Flynn, '61, looks out for society's best interests.**

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

The twists and turns, the milestones and the highlights of Peter Flynn's eclectic career path share one common denominator, one overarching focus, one guiding principle. Whether as a public servant, an educator or a private businessman, Peter Flynn has been – and continues to be – committed to serving the public good.

Mr. Flynn graduated from Bridgewater State University in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education; he earned an MEd from Boston University in 1980. Subsequently, he became a school teacher. After teaching for one year, he enlisted in the army and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. His eclectic path led him to the Massachusetts Legislature, elected as the state representative from Bridgewater. In his words, his service as chair of the House Committee on Public Safety "gave me a deep understanding and respect for the challenges and problems facing law enforcement and public safety." And that, he said, is why he ran for sheriff of Plymouth County. "I felt I could make a difference and improve public safety by implementing new approaches and strategies to address difficult problems."

Let the record show, he did. By taking an entrepreneurial approach to the challenge of building a new jail and house of correction, Mr. Flynn managed to build a better facility in less time and at a lower cost than might otherwise have been possible. The process by which he formed a nonprofit corporation and changed how the state could finance and build facilities has become a model for the nation – to say nothing of having saved Massachusetts' taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

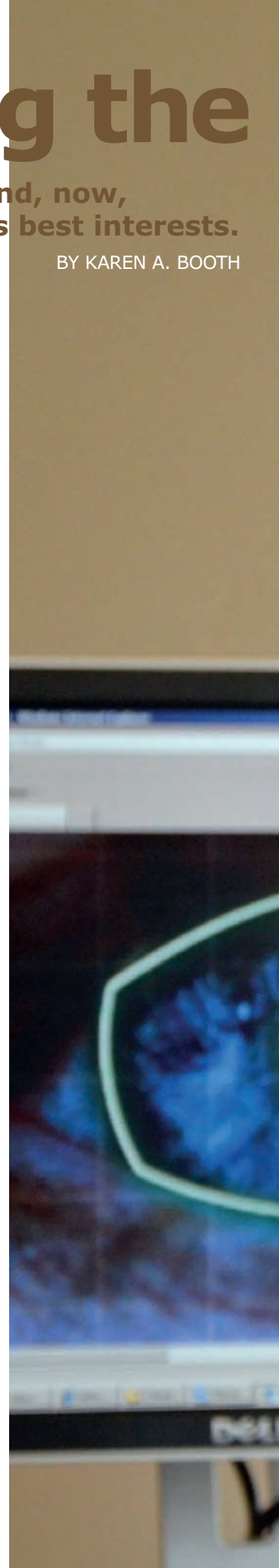
It was this entrepreneurial thinking that Mr. Flynn carried with him into "retirement," an oxymoron when it comes to him. He started his own consulting business – Alternative Corrections Methods – to help other public safety officials find innovative and alternative ways to solve their problems. And, it was while working on projects in the United States and Mexico that he gained a deeper understanding of the need for better identification technologies. "New technologies like iris biometric recognition had been developed," he said. "We just needed to innovate ways to best utilize this technology in service of the public."

In 2005, Mr. Flynn co-founded BI2 Technologies. "We started the company with a simple strategic vision and mission – to create iris biometric identification solutions that would help protect and identify missing children, as well as seniors suffering from Alzheimer's, while at the same time improving public safety."

By 2008, and with the National Sheriffs' Association's endorsement, the company significantly expanded its iris biometric technologies, creating the nation's only national iris biometric repository and database. BI2 Technologies then created three new solutions to identify and track inmates and convicted sex offenders using the database. These innovative solutions allow law enforcement agencies to positively identify and locate subjects in seconds, at any time, via a secure Web or wireless Web connection. To date, jurisdictions in 47 states and Mexico have installed and use this technology. The company recently received a Patent Pending designation for a new, first-of-its-kind iris biometric device, MORIS™ (Mobile Offender Recognition and Information System) – in contemporary lingo – a mobile app.

He is quick to say that in almost every aspect of his career, "I relied on the experience and education I received at Bridgewater. And to young students today, I would say, 'Keep learning. The things you learn today will always be with you tomorrow. Don't be afraid of taking a chance. Take time to develop a good plan, and don't hesitate to modify it when needed. Don't be afraid of failure – some great ideas don't make successful businesses. Watch and listen for opportunities. Be open to them, but stay loyal to your values.'"

Mr. Flynn met his wife Nancy Hart, '61, G'64, at BSU. Together they have remained loyal supporters of their alma mater. In the 70s and 80s, Mr. Flynn served on the board of trustees, and Mrs. Flynn served on the alumni board and was president of the alumni association for four years. ■



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## True or false ...

Bridgewater State University is in its fourth decade of continuously operating an aviation program, which has provided pilots to all major airlines and deployed aviation management professionals in airports across the country.

The answer, especially to those self-professed, in-the-know BSU fans, is “true.”

Associate Dean of Aviation David Price wants everyone to know about the university's long-standing aviation science program, and during his inaugural year in the position, he has committed most of his time toward that end.

“We have a program that is eager to enroll more students and to be recognized as a collegiate flight program,” Mr. Price said during a rare afternoon in his on-campus office in the Ricciardi College of Business, where the academic component of the Department of Aviation Science is based. “We want people to know that we exist.”

To accomplish this, Mr. Price launched a number of new initiatives across several fronts, including forming an advisory board along with efforts to gain national accreditation, develop deeper relationships with the airlines, and expand opportunities to meet and influence prospective aviation students.

In spring 2011, BSU aviation was formally accepted as a candidate for accreditation by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI), the sanctioning body for collegiate aviation programs. AABI candidate status is the first of several hurdles over which BSU must leap toward becoming a fully accredited aviation program.

# BSU aviation program takes flight on

BY EVA T. GAFFNEY, G'01



**Rachel Schelhorn is at the controls of one of BSU's Cessna airplanes.**



**Mike Harrahy and Katherine Dixon take fuel samples prior to takeoff.**

“AABI helps to ensure that the outside perception of our aviation program is based upon quality and safety,” Mr. Price said. “It also provides an internal mechanism to allow us to evaluate our program professionally. All of this, in turn, opens doors for our program throughout the aviation industry. This accreditation will elevate our students and help them achieve their dreams, which is our true purpose.”

Pending legislation for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may soon require that all future pilots receive their training at AABI-accredited institutions, Mr. Price said. BSU should receive final word concerning its accreditation status in late 2012.

Mr. Price has formed a 20-member advisory board with its members representing industry and government, such as MassPort, Cape Air, FAA and Executive Air Charter Services. The board, which meets several times a year, provides guidance to BSU aviation's programs, acts as a support network, offers input on curriculum changes and benefits students by creating more internship opportunities.

BSU aviation's growing relationship with Hyannis-based carrier Cape Air Airlines will lead to the development of a multi-engine training program for upper-level students that will model training provided by the airline, Mr. Price said.

Another enhancement for aviation majors is involvement in the Aero Club of New England, which will provide \$3,000 in scholarships through its Lockhart Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, created to assist students with advanced training.


The aviation staff is spreading the word about the program. This summer BSU co-sponsored the third annual ACE Camp with the FAA and more than doubled enrollment. This week-long day camp is held at New Bedford Regional Airport where BSU operates its flight school. The staff also maintains a relationship with New Bedford High School, offering weekly aviation classes throughout the school year.

## wings of new initiatives

**David Price, associate dean of aviation, speaks to an advanced aviation class.**



A noncredit BSU Flight Academy was initiated this year and offers only the flight training component of the program to individuals of all ages seeking to earn a pilot's license. Enrollment in the academy is open. The program includes 200 hours of flying to earn a commercial license and many months of ground-school work to allow an individual the opportunity to become a successful career pilot.

"The strength of the BSU aviation program is that we offer cost-efficient training in the best environment – the New England weather," Mr. Price said. "Because we are a smaller program, we're more adaptable"... advantages that will soon become recognized on a regional and national level. 

### Cape Air/BSU partnership: paid internships

Captain R. Edward Braz, '94, is proud of his 17-year career with Cape Air. He joined the company immediately following his graduation from Bridgewater State University, worked his way up the ranks to pilot, and is line captain responsible for training new hires. He is also one of three BSU alumni coordinating Cape Air's internship program to support university students majoring in aviation science.

"We've always had an unofficial relationship with BSU," Capt. Braz said. "But now we're developing an official internship program, three credits, paid."

Internships offer students real-life opportunities in several areas, including safety, training, accounting, marketing, chief pilot's office and more. The university looks forward to building what Capt. Braz calls "a bridge between Cape Air and BSU. We anticipate a mutually beneficial relationship – students gain valuable industry experience, and Cape Air gains potential future employees."

Jennie V. Gomes, '00, manager of operations services, and Tammie Irwin, '99, director of safety and compliance, are members of the team coordinating the internship program. ■



# Stepping into

## Grant-funded dance performance recreates famous piece

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Most works of art can be preserved with relative ease. Books, plays, movies, photographs and the like all exist in some material form. But what about something as ephemeral as dance? What happens to the work of a famed choreographer after he or she passes on?

It's up to professionals and educators to carry the torch forward, otherwise important elements of this art form simply disappear. They do this by reconstructing the choreography, teaching it to others and performing it.

Last spring, Dr. Nancy Moses and Bridgewater State University did their part in preserving "Ellis Island," the 1976 work of Anna Sokolow, one of America's premier choreographers. The result was seen in the performances of the emotional piece in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium as part of the university's spring concert.

It's a powerful work, and one that was very personal for Ms. Sokolow, said Dr. Moses, professor of dance.

"It's an homage to Ms. Sokolow's Russian-Jewish parents, and it explores all of the emotions around the idea of leaving your homeland and traveling into the unknown," she said.


The National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces Grant Program funds the reconstruction and presentation of dance works. Dr. Moses was awarded a \$15,000 grant for her work on "Ellis Island." (This is the second such grant in as many years that Dr. Moses has received.) The funding covered the reconstruction work and the furnishing of two people from the Sokolow Foundation, Lorry May and Suellen Haag, who guided the restaging of the work and taught it to BSU students.

This is how the artistry of someone like Ms. Sokolow is passed on to future generations, Dr. Moses said. "There's a concerted effort now to save some of these great artistic treasures, to preserve these dances and get them out into the public again," she said.

Anna Sokolow was born in Hartford, CT, and, starting in 1929, performed with the Martha Graham Dance Company. After leaving the company, her work became increasingly politicized, typically in defense of the exploited of this world. She later taught at Julliard and was inducted into the National Museum of Dance C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame in 1998. She died in 2000.

The preservation and restaging of "Ellis Island" proved to be challenging and exacting work. Many BSU students benefited from the process, which was a unique opportunity for them.

"It means a great deal to the students," Dr. Moses said. "They are gaining an amazing professional-level experience and really learning what it's like to work at this level of intensity."

"Ellis Island" formed half of the annual spring dance concert, called "Dance Kaleidoscope." The evening also featured several pieces by Dr. Jody Weber, associate professor of dance. Her work ranges from very serious social justice commentary to wonderfully fun movement pieces. Ten BSU students participated in that portion of the program. 

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Performing in "Ellis Island" are Mark Kranz, a professional dancer from Sokolow Now!, and BSU junior Danielle Reynolds, a dance major.



# Improv for all

Department of Music's open mic nights encourage playing without a net.

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Chelsea Fisk learns about music theory in the classroom. But it really comes to life for her when she's jamming with her peers during the biweekly open mic session, sponsored by the Department of Music.

"I'm applying what I'm learning in my music theory course," said the sophomore from East Longmeadow, as she packed up her baritone sax for the night after a session last season. "It's super-helpful and super-fun."

On this night, a dozen musicians and listeners had congregated in the Rondileau Campus Center. Jazz was on the menu – along with the *de rigueur* nachos, dip and lemonade. A group of students was rolling through a mix of standards, pop tunes and classics from the American songbook.

"Anyone up for a mambo?" Professor Donald Running asked, trombone at the ready.

Since September 2008, the Department of Music has been hosting the open mics, featuring a revolving slate of genres, from jazz and blues, to Irish music, folk and African drumming. It's all in the name of fun, but the participants get a chance to stretch themselves and find out what it means to step out and either play the greatest musical phrase of their lives or hit a bum note and continue on.

"Some are new to this whole concept of improvisation," said Professor Donald Running, who started the open mic when he began teaching at Bridgewater State University. "And this is a safe way they can start testing the waters."

Open mic nights are a staple of folk clubs and bars where performers sign up to play a couple of songs in front of a relatively friendly audience. The BSU open mic is different in that there's usually an entire band of students, led by Professor Running, that performs along with those who show up to play. The result is more of a jam session.

"This is that lab where people can come and make music to the best of their ability," Professor Running said. "It's also an opportunity for people to learn different styles."

At the jazz session in question, the impromptu gathering ran through tunes such as "Tenor Madness," "My Funny Valentine," and a few classic swing tunes from generations ago.

The general public is invited to the open mics and especially flock to the campus center for the Irish sessions, where traditional music is the order of the evening.

This kind of outreach is one of the key features of the program, said Dr. Salil Sachdev, chairman of the Department of Music.

"It's important to get the on-campus and off-campus communities involved together," he said.

During the jazz jam, Chelsea was being coached through a fast number by Professor Running, who stood at her side. "Play the thirds," he told her, referring to the part of the chord that would work throughout the tune.

"You learn by doing it," he said afterward.

The participants also gain experience playing in front of an audience. BSU students, employees, faculty and folks from the local area regularly drop by just to listen.

The experience is not much different from what working jazz musicians face. There is little, if any, rehearsal, and barebones music charts or "Fake Books" that outline just the basics of a tune are used. Someone calls out a tune and a key, then counts off the song, and away they go.

Getting something akin to this experience is what keeps Scott Bissonnette, from Mattapoisett, coming back to the BSU open mics.

"This is what happens in the real world," he said during a break in the music. "Once you learn this, you can play a lot of gigs."

Beyond that, of course, there's the main reason Mr. Bissonnette has been a regular at the open mics.

"It's just fun to play," he said.



Nick Rice, '12





Professor Donald Running of  
the Department of Music



Chelsea Fisk, '14



Matt Ahrens, '13 (back);  
James-ace Thackston, '13







# Whale of an exhibit

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

The work of Magaly Ponce has been making waves – literally. Her exhibition, “InSight-s,” which offers a multimedia look at humpback whales, will have appeared in three continents by the time it returns this fall to Bridgewater State University’s Anderson Gallery.

Whales are usually only seen at a distance. However, Professor Ponce of the art department brings them into sharp focus through her exhibition, “InSight-s.” “I celebrate their beauty and humor, reflect on their likely extinction, and consider the industries that have developed around them,” Professor Ponce said.

“InSight-s” is the culmination of two years of observation by Magaly Ponce, associate professor of art, of whales off the Plymouth coast. Using sculpture, digital photo-collage and video, Professor Ponce seeks to share a clearer understanding of these enormous and complex creatures.

She chose the topic out of a deep connection to her own roots. “As an immigrant myself, I was inspired by the nature of whale migratory patterns and how they defined the whaling industry’s routes and sparked human migrations,” she said.

The well-traveled exhibition premiered in Providence, RI, in September 2010. From there, it traveled to Palacio da Cultura Ildo Lobo in Praia and Pont d’agua in Mindelo, Cape Verde, as well as to the Museu Nacional De História Natural in Lisbon, Portugal. It will be shown at the Museu Carlos Machado in the Azores in May 2012.

The Whaling Museum of the Nantucket Historical Association hosted a talk on the exhibit in August, and a smaller version of “InSight-s” was exhibited on campus in the Wallace L. Anderson Gallery this October. This exhibit included an international panel discussion.

BSU has played a part in the exhibit in two ways. Carol “Krill” Carson, a visiting lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences and head of the Humpback Whale Ethogram Project, served as a collaborator, and a grant from the university’s Center for the Advancement of Research and Teaching (CART) helped fund the work. Also involved was the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, a nonprofit organization that dedicates its efforts to protection and conservation of marine wildlife.

In another BSU connection, student Vannessa Rodrigues helped with the installation of the exhibit in Providence.

In addition to CART, exhibition sponsors include BSU’s Division of External Affairs, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo, the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, and support from Cornish Associates, The Whaling Museum of New Bedford, the Cape Verde Consulate in Boston, MEIA Mindelo-Escola Internacional de Arte, Uni-CV in Cape Verde, the Chilean Embassy and Aumento D’Ideas in Lisbon, Portugal.

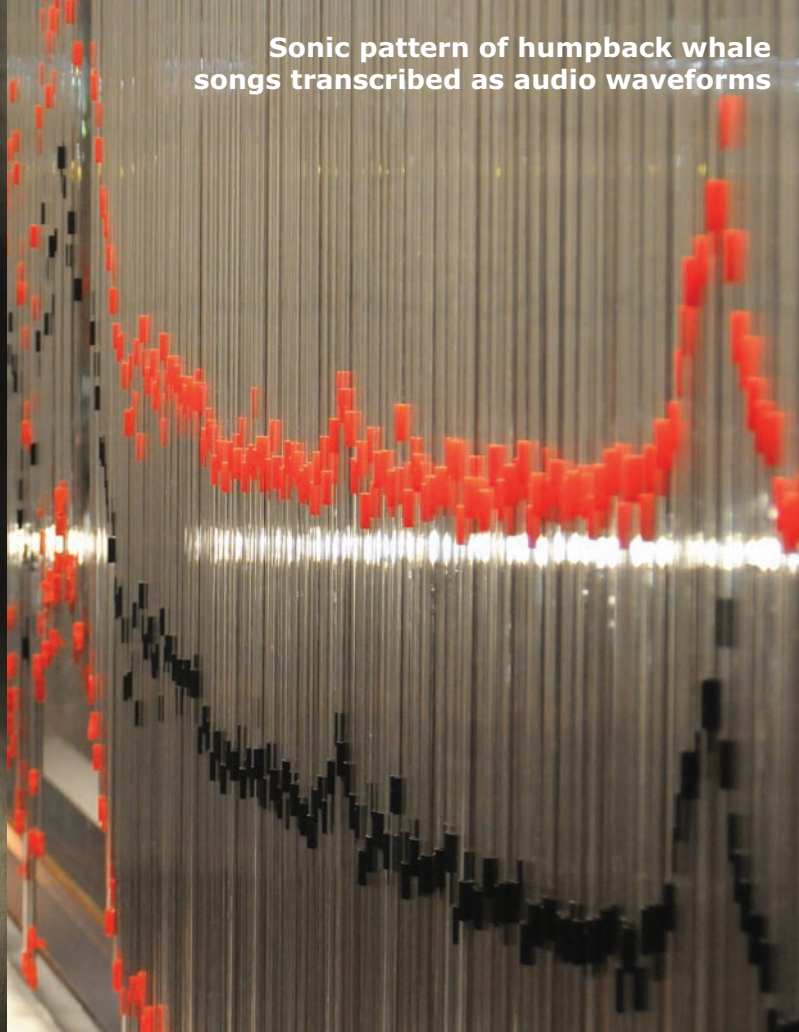
To read more about the exhibition and to see photos of some of the artwork, log on to <http://resextensa.net/insights.html>.







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Atlantic white-sided dolphin



Sonic pattern of humpback whale  
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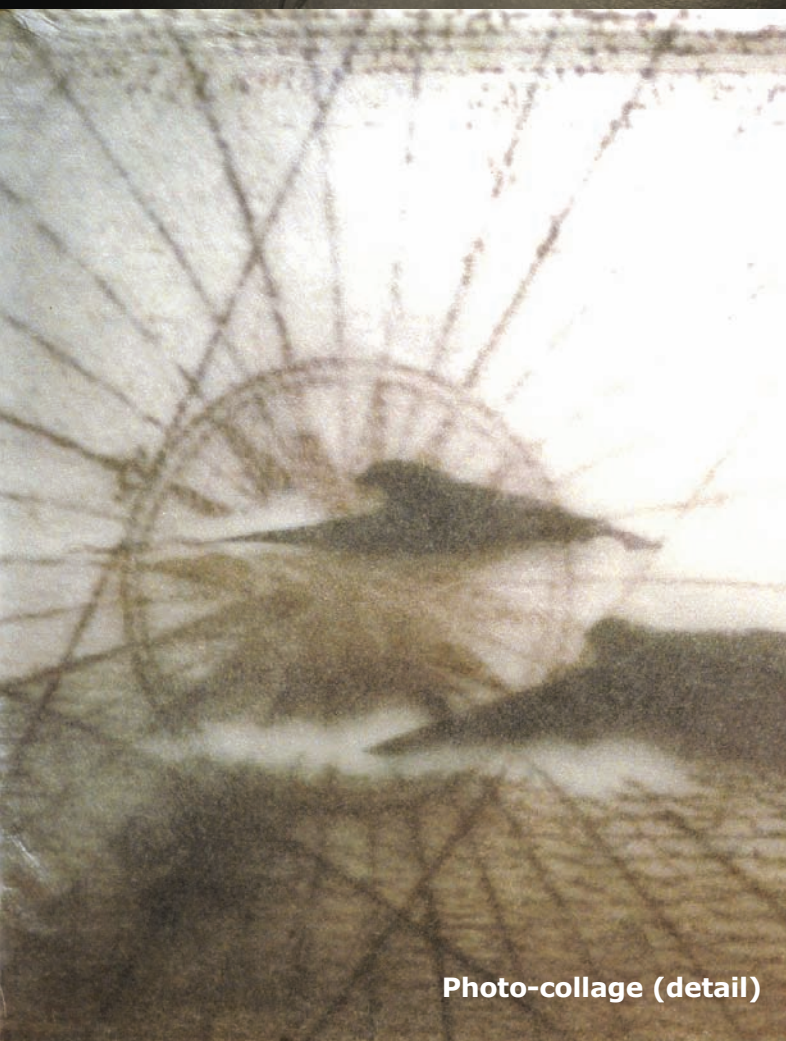


Photo-collage (detail)



Lab glass whale form





# Commencement

Service, possibilities and leadership were among the major themes at Bridgewater State University's first spring commencements as a university.


BY ROBERT W. MATHESON JR., '08

More than 1,000 students earned bachelor's degrees at undergraduate commencement held May 14 on the Boyden quadrangle.

In his message, President Dana Mohler-Faria told the Class of 2011 to prepare for challenges and to seize opportunities, while considering the bigger picture. "Always know that you are part of the fabric of humanity, and you must make a difference," he said.

Two days prior, more than 400 students had earned master's degrees and certificates of advanced graduate study at graduate commencement, held in the Rondileau Campus Center auditorium.

George A. Logue, G'75, president of Sopris, Cambium Learning Group, Inc., offered a message of empowerment in his commencement address. "Every one of you must be prepared to take up a leadership role no matter where you go in life," he said.

Dr. Joan Wallace-Benjamin, president and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers, delivered the keynote address at undergraduate commencement, where Casey Winner of Bourne was the student speaker. Barry Sanders of Quincy (pictured, top left) was the student speaker for graduate commencement. 







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# Science and mathematics center

BY ROBERT W. MATHESON JR., '08

Opening Day 2011 allowed thousands of Bridgewater State University students to finally get a glimpse inside the new wing of the \$98.7 million Science and Mathematics Center that's been rising on the west side of campus. With the first phase complete, the 168,000-square-foot, five-story building was filled with students and faculty holding classes, preparing to do research or just checking out the new space.

"Impressive! Stunning! Eye-popping!" said student Paul Padula of Plainville when asked his impression of the building.

"It's amazing," said Ryan Stephanski, '12, of Whitman. "It's a privilege to study here."


Students weren't the only ones amazed by the facility; faculty members were raving about the building's updated equipment, increased number of labs and auditoriums, and observatory. "It reflects the type of research we do here with our students," said Dr. Edward Brush, professor of chemistry, as he alluded to \$900,000 of new instrumentation that his department will use.

BSU President Dana Mohler-Faria called the new facility "the crest of a wave" that includes nearly a third of a billion dollars in campus construction over the past decade. He added that while rave reviews for the new building are nice, the real test goes beyond bricks, mortar and glass: Unless it makes a difference in the lives and education of BSU students, he said, "It's meaningless."

Each floor features labs and classrooms designed to provide students with collaborative learning experiences and faculty-guided research. The facility houses three GIS laboratories, biology labs outfitted with the tools and equipment necessary to grow tissue cultures for experiments, and a \$1 million microscope that can examine cells section by section. Specialized physics classrooms include space for both lectures and lab work, side by side. "We were busting out of the old building all over the place," said Dr. Edward Deveney, professor of physics. "Now we have the room to do the work we need to do."

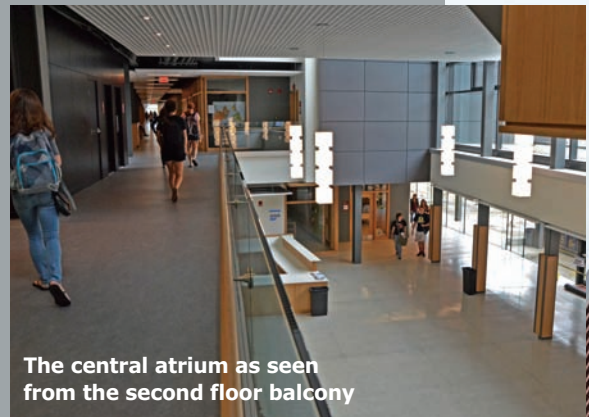
Dr. Arthur Goldstein, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, said research and collaboration are the keys to a top-flight undergraduate education in the sciences today, and these were the priorities during the planning process for the new facility. "Students leave here capable of doing remarkable things," he said. "We want them to come here and find their passion."

Construction of the first phase of the Science and Mathematics Center provided more than 500 full-time jobs. It will be another year before the entire project is complete as the old science building is taken down by the end of October, with construction of the remainder of the facility happening on the same footprint.

On Opening Day 2012, the result will be the fully realized facility with 211,300 square feet of dynamic learning space. A million-dollar greenhouse is scheduled to open in January 2012. 



Katie McAvoy, '12, in one of the new labs



The central atrium as seen from the second floor balcony



One of many study areas throughout the new facility



The petrology/mineralogy lab



# opens to rave reviews

Students and faculty alike are thrilled about opportunities the new facility brings.





**Dr. Darcy Boellstorff researches crop production in Malawi**

# GIS to the rescue

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Is there a better way to grow crops in Malawi? If there is, Dr. Darcy Boellstorff, assistant professor in the Department of Geography, is hoping to help find it. Her research could help natives of this developing country improve their crop production through the use of geographic information systems.



Dr. Boellstorff downloads GIS data in Malawi.

Thanks to funding from USAID and its Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program (housed at the University of California, Davis), Dr. Boellstorff and Bridgewater State University, along with seven other universities, will conduct projects across 26 developing countries. Dr. Boellstorff's proposal to use GIS technology to help bolster Malawi's agricultural production was awarded a one-year exploratory grant, and in January, she and geography major Zaine Venter traveled to Africa to begin their work.

"It's important to provide the people of Malawi with solutions that are sustainable and that are locally based," said Dr. Boellstorff.

Malawi is located in southeast Africa. It is one of the world's least developed countries, yet one of the most densely populated, with about 15 million people. Over the years, AIDS,

a difficult annual dry season, and a lack of access to modern agricultural techniques have taken a toll on the country and its economy.

Using GIS technology, Dr. Boellstorff is examining the country's terrain to find the most fertile land, locate water sources and map transportation routes. Part of the project includes assisting local growers with bringing their products to market.

The project is a piece in a larger puzzle and, ultimately, could help further the overall goals of the program. "We believe these projects will improve food security by improving horticultural seed systems, decreasing post-harvest losses and increasing small holders' access to markets," said Ron Voss, director of Horticulture CRSP (Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program).



## Environmental research is front and center for recent grads

BY STACY M. NISTENDIRK

**Adam and Allen Schaen** share many things beside DNA. Both graduated from BSU in May. Both were earth science majors. Both know the advantages of participating in the undergraduate research program. And both seem to enjoy it.

Adam received a travel grant in December 2010 through the Adrian Tinsley Undergraduate Research Program to present his research at The American Geophysical Union (AGU) Conference in San Francisco. His research, guided by mentor Dr. Peter Saccocia, Department of Geological Sciences, looks specifically at the pH constraints of hot springs in back arc basins. He conducted research at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, recreating the conditions of the back arc basin in the lab and hopes that his findings will help gain a better understanding of how mantle convection works. His success positioned him to participate in a research expedition to the Manus Basin in Papua, New Guinea, in summer 2011.

"It involves fieldwork and highly technical research, things that are a big part of geological sciences these days," Adam said. "Throughout my time at Bridgewater, I have been exposed to a diversity of ideas, while working with a variety of people, each of whom gave me an opportunity to gain alternative perspectives."

Allen also received an ATP travel grant to present his research at the AGU conference. Guided by his mentor, Dr. Robert Cicerone of the Department of Geological Sciences, his research investigates elevation and climate history of mountain ranges north of the Tibetan Plateau. This research will ultimately help geologists understand the deep processes that accommodated the collision of India and Eurasia over 50 million years. Allen was awarded a 2010 ATP Summer Grant to fund this research.

"This has given me so many opportunities," he said. "It's amazing that I was able to start something as an interest developed in class and then to take it to a more advanced level through fieldwork and research, and now to graduate school."

Adam received a full graduate fellowship at the University of Minnesota, working with BSU alumnus and internationally respected scientist, Dr. William Seyfried, '70.

"Research certainly gives students a much deeper undergraduate experience," said Dr. Saccocia. "It's experience and credentials that lead to other opportunities."

In the months leading up to his research trip to Papua, New Guinea, Adam summed his feelings about what lay ahead. "This will provide me with another great opportunity to work with a diverse group of scientists from other countries as I travel to exotic locations," he said. "I think sharing different perspectives is one of the best ways to learn." ■

*John Winters contributed to this article.*



**Dr. Boellstorff and residents of Malawi lift anemometers.**

If this exploratory project shows promise, Dr. Boellstorff will next apply for a three-year grant for a pilot program to implement her findings. Ultimately, she said, this work is about helping the people of Malawi, directly and through a nongovernmental organization, to have the tools they need to improve their lives.

In July, Dr. Boellstorff and Zaine returned to Malawi for the second phase of the project. The goal remained the same: helping local residents help themselves. "We need to support successful in-country NGOs (nongovernmental organizations)," Dr. Boellstorff said. "They know what they're doing and are able to identify best key areas for projects. We need to do what we can to support their knowledge-base and access to technology so they can make things happen." ■



# Teaching the teachers

*Stephanie Rust, '10,  
researches professional  
development opportunities  
for teachers in Cape Verde*

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Stephanie Rust  
in Cape Verde



When Stephanie Rust visited Cape Verde in January 2010 to tour classrooms on the islands of Fogo and Sao Tiago, something caught her attention. A senior at the time, Ms. Rust's interest was piqued by something she heard time and time again from local teachers: the need for professional development.

"I noticed how they wanted to learn more and more about teaching, but there was nowhere to get training," Ms. Rust said.

The Abington resident returned to the United States and wrote a 15-page paper on the subject, but even after graduating from Bridgewater State University in January 2011 with a degree in psychology and a minor in special education, she didn't stop thinking about it. The teachers she'd met in the rural areas of Cape Verde had a strong desire to improve their techniques in the classroom. However, she was astonished to find most had no access to appropriate programs, nor even libraries or the Internet.

Her mentor on this research, Dr. David Almeida, professor of special education and communication disorders, saw his student transformed from an inquisitive visitor to an academic investigator.

"Stephanie was talking to teachers, and they were interested in being better at their jobs, they just needed training," he said. "She wanted to know how to go back to do further research on the topic."

As Ms. Rust said, "I felt like I had more questions than answers."

Her research on teacher training in third-world countries revealed that information about the situation in Cape Verde was sparse. This led her to the belief that she needed to return to the island nation and expand her research base. Also, the next time, she would need to do more than just discuss the situation with local teachers, but to have specific questions to put to them on the topic in order to make any sort of research-based claims that might one day prove helpful to the educators of Cape Verde.

In January 2011, with the help of external affairs and the Adrian Tinsley Undergraduate Research Program, Ms. Rust was able to return, this time visiting different islands. To investigate her premise that local teachers would avail themselves of training, if available, she performed ethnographic observations and more detailed interviews with teachers, administrators and students at a group of schools different from those of her first visit.



**Stephanie Rust, '10, and Bridgewater State University Professor David Almeida (at rear) visit a Cape Verdean classroom as part of the research trip to the island nation.**

Ms. Rust's first impressions were confirmed on the second trip. She also found that the Cape Verdean teachers knew what they wanted and that the problem may not be intractable.

"It was interesting. Many already had an idea of what they wanted for professional development," she said. "They face limitations, but there are ways that this can be done and done well."

Now a graduate student at BSU, as well as a para-professional at Rockland Middle School, Ms. Rust is continuing her work. That's good, because there are people waiting for the results. For one, Fernanda Marques, Cape Verde's national minister of education, has expressed an interest in her results. This means that the work Ms. Rust is doing may well shape the future of teacher training.

However, there is more work ahead, she said. "I feel like I'm not done yet."■



# Art, artifacts and

## Dr. Fox and students research heritage tourism in Jamaica

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

This is the way it usually happens: Outside companies look at a developing country and see a tourist destination waiting to happen. The companies move in, shut out the local residents, build up the area and cash in. There is little concern for the history of the place or the people who live there.



Dr. Diana Fox and her daughter Sophia

Dr. Diana Fox, professor of anthropology, has long been concerned about this approach and recently had the opportunity to collaborate with her students and colleagues – individuals also committed to a different approach.

Dr. Fox, a three-time Fulbright scholar whose previous work has focused on such diverse areas as water and gender issues in Trinidad and human rights in Africa, began working in Jamaica in 1991. Her graduate assistant then, Heidi Savery, '04, is now co-director of the Bluefields Archaeology Project in Jamaica. Ms. Savery's master's thesis, now the subject of her dissertation, was on how to get local people involved in the development of their country by harnessing their cultural resources through heritage tourism.

That's exactly what's happening in Bluefields.

Dr. Fox and a handful of Bridgewater State University students are hoping to protect the heritage of this historic southern coastal community. They are working with Dr. William Wedenoja, a cultural anthropologist at Missouri State University; the Bluefields Peoples' Community Association; the Bluefields Bay Fishermen's Friendly Society; and participants from the geography, biology and anthropology departments of Binghamton University.

"Along the way those involved in the project are hoping to make an impression on the Jamaican government," Dr. Fox said.

The hope is that officials will see that historic preservation and the development of heritage tourism is best done with respect for and in conjunction with the people who live there.

"The first step is trying to get a sense of the local people's understanding of the place and its heritage, and to gauge a sense of their interest and knowledge," Dr. Fox said.

Bluefields was the second Spanish settlement on Jamaica, founded in 1519. Its mountains, beaches and bays made it highly attractive to other nations. The British arrived in 1655. Over the centuries, its residents have included Henry Morgan,

# activities



**1.** BSU students (from left) Brienne Patricio, Lydia Landim, Haley Albano and Dr. Fox's daughter Sophia sample coconut water. **2.** A young Jamaican boy loads his donkey's crates with water from a community water pipe. **3.** Heidi Savery (left) and Brienne Patricio of BSU watch the sun set over the sea.



Bluefields' first governor in 1674, and the infamous Captain Bligh. Today, it is famous as the burial place of reggae star Peter Tosh.

It is seen as a growing resort and tourist destination – one with a great deal of history that Dr. Fox and her colleagues hope to preserve. She sees Bluefields as a future field school, of sorts. BSU students could travel with her to the coastal community and get firsthand experience doing ethnographic research while learning about the local culture. Phase one of the project is underway and includes the collection of data in the form of oral histories, artifacts, folklore and cultural traditions.

"It shows how a number of anthropology's subfields – archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics – can come together and be applied toward locally and anthropologically important goals," she said.

The information that's gathered will contribute to a development plan that will be inclusive of the people who live and work in Bluefields. For BSU students who get the chance to partake in this work, it's a case of total immersion.

"It's an academic and social experience for them," Dr. Fox said. She beams like a proud mom when speaking of her former graduate assistant, Ms. Savery, an archaeologist pursuing

her PhD in anthropology at Binghamton University, and who trains her students. Ms. Savery is just one of Dr. Fox's former students featured in her latest book, *Cultural DNA: Gender at the Root of Everyday Life in Rural Jamaica* (University of the West Indies Press, 2010).

Three students and an alumna accompanied Dr. Fox on her trip to Jamaica over the semester break last January. Haley Albano, '11, said it was a really interesting experience to witness the differences between the tourists and the people living in Jamaica.

"We were researching heritage tourism, what people knew of their past in various parts of the country, and also some of the disconnects between tourists' perceptions of Jamaica and the Jamaican peoples' perceptions," she said. "I was excited to participate in an interview with a Jamaican patois speaker because my area of interest is linguistic anthropology."

The work at Bluefields is ongoing, and it looks like more "generations" of BSU students will have the opportunity to experience this unique type of anthropological work. "The goal is to develop a long-term field school," Dr. Fox said.

In addition to Ms. Albano, accompanying Dr. Fox to Jamaica were Lydia Landim, '10, Brienne Patricio and Frances Harrison.



A community farm run by the Center for Sustainability and located near the Old Colony Correctional Facility in Bridgewater brings diverse campus and community members together for summer days of fun and education.

During its inaugural season last year, more than 20 experienced and novice farmers each leased 20-square-foot plots on the nine-acre land, where they maintained various produce, including tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins and squash.


Dr. Arthur Lizie, director of the Bridgewater Growing Spaces Community Gardens project, said he finds people from all walks of life, who wouldn't generally interact, mingling and working together to practice good farming. "Food cuts across all lines," said the associate professor of communication studies. "Anyone can do this and get something out of it."

Apart from being an enjoyable activity, farming teaches participants to be mindful of their food consumption, both

# Growing

BY ROBERT W. MATHESON JR., '08

in eating and purchasing. "It's an educational mission," said Dr. Lizie. "It helps them think of where their food comes from, so they know how to value it properly."

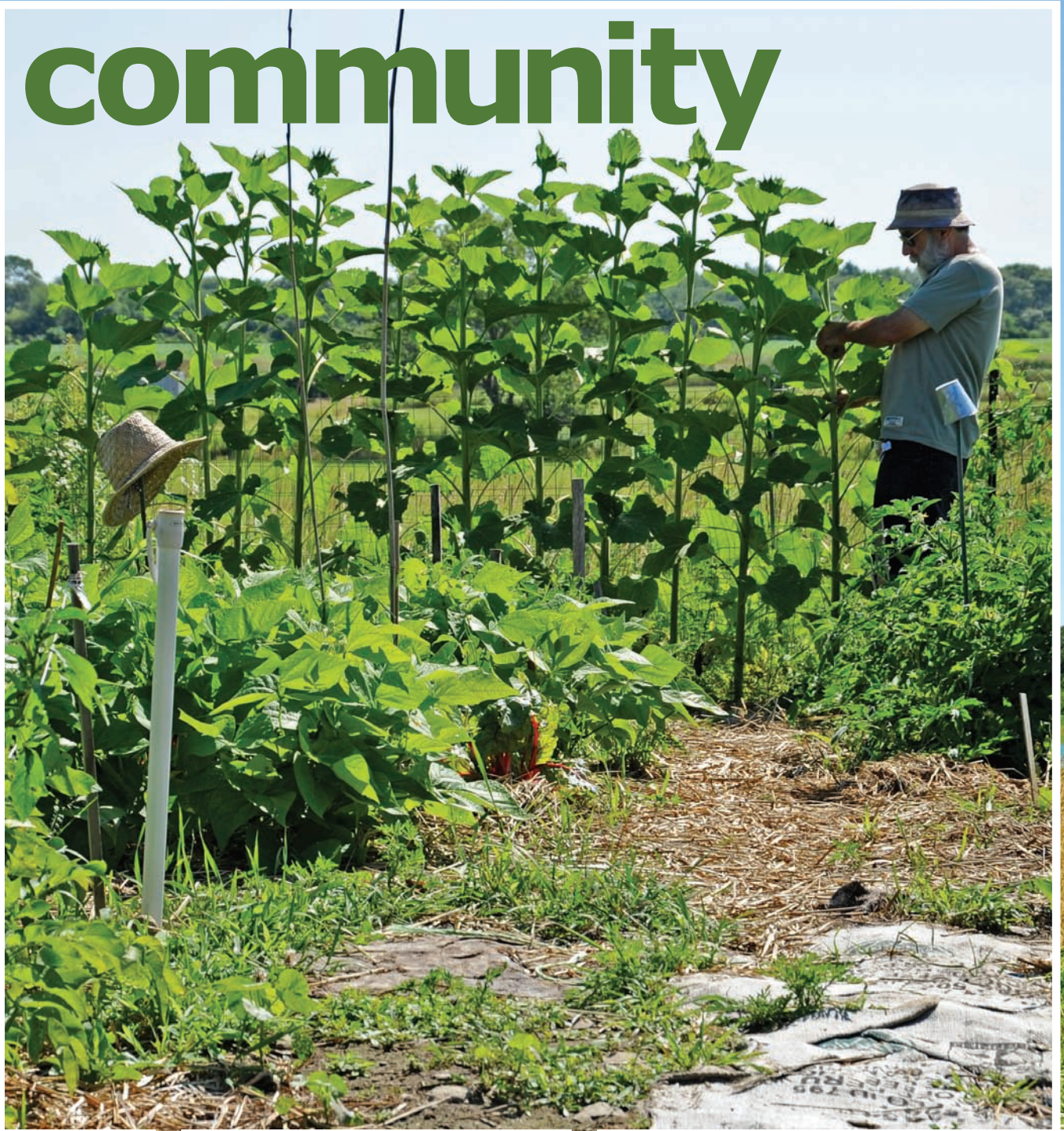
Roughly a quarter of participants are staff and faculty from Bridgewater State University, some of whom leased plots for courses, while others are families and individuals from the community. Nearly all returned for the second season and some expanded to multiple plots. 

**Among the scenes at the gardens are Tony Realini of Bridgewater (right), caring for sunflowers, and Dr. Jonathan Roling of BSU's biological sciences department (below, left), tending to his bees. (Dr. Roling's photo courtesy of Tony Realini.)**





# a community





Kicking guru, Richard Gonsalves, '70,  
spent 40 years amassing his knowledge

# Decades of dedication

BY ROBERT W. MATHESON JR., '08

What drew Richard Gonsalves to place kicking was the skill, as well as his ability to launch the football long distances and “watch it fly.” Off the field, however, Mr. Gonsalves has spent nearly his whole adult life researching that skill and launching – instead of footballs that soared through the air – related projects that he has successfully led over the years. Now a top resource in the country for National Football League place-kicking analysis, the 64-year-old runs a thriving athletic training camp, has authored a few books and has other ventures in his lineup.

In 1975, after rigorously researching the NFL kicking game for five years, Mr. Gonsalves founded the Cape Ann Kicking Academy in his native Gloucester, where he is known as the city’s “kicking guru.” Since then, hundreds of high school students have benefited from his one-on-one instruction, leading some to earn football scholarships to the likes of University of Mississippi, Colgate and Fairfield universities, and Union and Marist colleges. A handful of his former pupils made it to training camps for NFL teams, such as the Oakland Raiders and the Philadelphia Eagles.

“My students really see the results of their hard work, practicing a very precise skill,” said Mr. Gonsalves, who kicked and punted for BSU in 1966.

He saw the results of his own hard work last May, when Cambridge Who’s Who awarded him Professional of the Year in athletic training for his kicking academy. Cambridge publishes biographies of professionals who have demonstrated leadership and achievement in their fields. With 400,000 international members, it is a leading source for professional networking in the nation. “The recognition lets pupils know they are going to a quality camp,” said Mr. Gonsalves.

A 30-year member of the Professional Football Researchers and American Football Coaches associations, Mr. Gonsalves has helped several professional kickers renew



**At the Cape Ann Kicking Academy this summer, Stephen Camarro boots one through the uprights as Rick Gonsalves looks on. Stephen, a North Reading native, began playing for the St. John’s Prep Eagles this fall.**



their contracts, including former New England Patriots star, Adam Vinatieri. To do so, he follows all 32 NFL kickers each season and, if asked, draws on his intensive research to offer advice and compile their career statistics. "All the research I've done – it's why they keep coming back to me," he said. "When contract renewal time comes, my phone rings off the hook."

Mr. Gonsalves has helped out at various camps over the years, including the Pat Dye Kicking Camp at Auburn University for the nation's best high school kickers, and the New York Jets special teams training camps. Recently, he worked with a camp at Gillette Stadium for top New England kickers, and with coaching clinics for USA Football, a nonprofit that trains youth and amateur kickers in the NFL cities.

In addition to athletic training, Mr. Gonsalves keeps busy kicking other projects into gear.

He amassed his 40 years of place-kicking research into a book, *History and Analysis of NFL Place Kicking*, published in March by McFarland and Company, Inc. It includes the game's early years and evolution,

inside information from professional kickers, and examinations of professional ball club recruitment. It also focuses on the mental game, which Mr. Gonsalves said is integral to any kicker's success. "Your body is not going to do the right thing if your mind isn't programmed in the right way," he said. "It's one of the things I make sure to teach my students."

His first book, *Specialty Teams*, published in 1977, was one of the first devoted solely to the professional kicking game.

Additionally, Mr. Gonsalves has researched every professional football game since the NFL's 1920 inception for his annually updated *All-Time NFL Kicking Records* book, which today comprises 400 categories of records for placekickers and punters. From that book, he creates a stat sheet for each kicker. "No one in the world has this unique information," he said.

In 2002, he appeared on the ESPN show, *NFL Presents: The Kicking Game*, and is working on a documentary, *Pro Football's Lonely Heroes*, which will focus on the history and the human side of professional kicking.

With all he has accomplished, Mr. Gonsalves said passing on expertise to younger generations has been the highlight. "Seeing the kids go onto a high level of success – that's a great payback," he said. ■



**Richard Gonsalves appeared with NFL star Adam Vinatieri on an ESPN show in 2002.**



## Upcoming ALUMNI EVENTS

### VOTE FOR COACH DENUNE!

Every day until Dec. 3, alumni are encouraged to vote for BSU Bears Football Coach Chuck Denune for the Division III coach of the year by visiting [www.coachoftheyear.com](http://www.coachoftheyear.com).

A prize of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to the Alumni Association with the most votes.

### ALUMNI CHAMBER CHOIR FALL/WINTER CONCERT 2011

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 3 PM

Central Square Congregational Church  
Bridgewater

### AFRO-AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

### ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 1 AND 2

### HYANNIS-BRIDGEWATER PHYSICAL EDUCATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This event will be part of the Homecoming 2012 celebration. Interested in serving on the planning committee? Please e-mail [alumni@bridgew.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgew.edu).

### AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Bridgewater Alumni Association Awards are presented annually to deserving alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university who have made an impact in their communities through their work or service to others. We are seeking nominations for 2012; deadline for receipt of nominations is Feb. 1. Nominations can be submitted by mail to the Davis Alumni Center or online at [www.bridgew.edu/alumni/awards.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/alumni/awards.cfm).

### STAY CONNECTED

Send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations via e-mail to [alumni@bridgew.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgew.edu) or via mail to Davis Alumni Center, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

The class notes editor reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and brevity. Submitted photos must be either high-resolution digital images or original prints from film. Photos generated on home printers are not of publication quality.

# AlumniUpdate



Taking part in the retreat are (standing, from left): Filomena Veiga, '05; Jae-Lyn Stringer, '10; Jeanne Oliver Foster, '77; Barbara Jackson, '80; and Christina Gomes, '10. Seated are (from left): Dr. Alan Comedy; Nanette Baines, G'04; Luis Rosa, '05; and Juliette Johnson, '64.

## Afro-American Alumni Association retreat

The Afro-American Alumni Association held a summer retreat at the Davis Alumni Center to plan for the coming year. A great time was had by all participants.

To learn more about the organization, visit [www.bridgew.edu/afroalum](http://www.bridgew.edu/afroalum). ■

## BAA revises the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion program

The 50<sup>th</sup> reunion has long been a cornerstone of the Bridgewater State University alumni relations program. One of the highlights of the weekend-long celebration is the presentation of the class gift. Traditionally, reunion classes establish fundraising goals to foster friendly competition with their rival classes, and until recently, the Alumni Legacy Fund has been the preferred designation. Endowments such as this are still a worthwhile long-term investment, but many BSU students are in urgent need of scholarship support – now more than ever.

### Revised rules

In the interest of helping today's students, the university has revised the reunion-giving program to include ALL gifts and pledges from 50<sup>th</sup> reunion classes, including those given since the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion year, regardless of designation. Funds raised for each reunion class will continue to grow the nearly quarter-of-a-million dollar Alumni Legacy Fund endowment, which this year will award \$3,000 scholarships to three deserving BSU students.

### Philanthropic flexibility

Reunion givers now have more philanthropic flexibility to continue their giving to the Annual Fund, establish a named endowed fund, or participate in one of the exciting new campaign initiatives – like the Named Scholarship Award. Classes are also able to craft fundraising goals tailored to their past performance and philanthropic potential. No longer will classes set goals by simply multiplying the last two digits of their class year by \$1,000 (i.e., Class of 1961 = \$61,000). Instead, the class can get creative by choosing to emphasize the total dollars raised, number of donors, or the percentage of classmates giving during the five years leading up to its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. ■





**Walter Nagle, president of the Class of 1961, addresses alumni weekend guests.**

## Alumni Weekend 2011

More than 300 alumni and guests gathered at Bridgewater State University on June 3 and 4 to see good friends and create new memories. The weekend was packed with fun-filled dinners, enlightening student presentations, laughter and much more. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful weekend. ■



**James Argir, '61, on behalf of the Class of 1961, presents Bryan Baldwin, acting vice president of university advancement and strategic planning, a gift of \$100,000 for the Bridgewater Foundation.**



**BSU students receiving scholarships from the Bridgewater Alumni Association during Alumni Weekend 2011 are (clockwise, from back row, left): Ryan Rocco, Melissa Brulotte, Molly Louzan, Brooke Miller, James Ouk, April Estrella, Elizabeth Florence and Tiffany Hoyt.**



**The Class of 1961**



**Enjoying the Class of 1961 reception are George Lundstedt, and 1961 alumnae (from left) Barbara Webster Smith, Ann McLaughlin Lundstedt and Cynthia Quirk Buscone.**



# Alumni Association presents annual major awards



**Recipients of the Alumni Association's major awards are (clockwise, from back, left): Bruce Anderson, '87; Carol Sacchetti, '98; Thomas Pileski, G'87; Dr. Beth Moriarty; Dr. Mary C. Lydon, '55; and Robin Ryan Thomas, '90.**

## **Dr. George A. Weygand Award for Outstanding Service to the Bridgewater Alumni Association** **CAROL SACCHETTI, '98**

Carol Sacchetti received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies in 1998, and in 2000, she earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication at the University of Hartford. Eleven years ago, she joined Roger Williams University as coordinator of residence education and assistant director of housing. Last year, Ms. Sacchetti was promoted to director of student programs and leadership, a role that allows her to have positive daily interactions with students. Her active involvement with Bridgewater State University began as an undergraduate. In 2005, she joined the Bridgewater Alumni Association board and is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. She is a founding member of the Recent Graduate Association. As vice president of the BAA, Ms. Sacchetti is proactively involved in alumni events and activities.

## **Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts**

**BRUCE ANDERSON, '87**

After graduating from Bridgewater State University in 1987, Bruce Anderson earned his Master of Science in Radio and Television at Boston University. To learn more about Mr. Anderson, turn to page 45.

## **Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service**

**ROBIN RYAN THOMAS, '90**

Robin Ryan Thomas graduated in 1990 with a degree in political science, and moved up the ranks of a large financial institution to the position of executive assistant to the chief financial officer. She believes passionately that it is our responsibility to give back to our communities, and after years working in the corporate world, she has committed herself to making a difference and serving her community, finding purpose and joy along the way. Since 2007, Ms. Thomas has worked with the Bridgewater Girl Scouts and helps coordinate the Cookies for a Cause campaign, a collaboration of the Girl Scouts and the U.S. military. Through this initiative, scouts collect and send thousands of boxes of cookies to men and women serving in the military, and become inspired to understand the importance of getting involved in worthwhile community service projects.

## **Nicholas P. Tillinghast Award for Achievement in the Field of Education**

**DR. MARY C. LYDON, '55**

Dr. Mary C. Lydon graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She earned a Master of Education from Northeastern University in 1963 and a Doctor of Education from Boston University in 1978. Her professional career spans several decades and includes a wide range of K-12 experiences in both health education and physical education, where she made a name for herself as a respected leader and educator. She served as both a softball and swimming coach, and coordinated various intramural and extramural activities. She contributed to the body of knowledge in her professions through articles in professional journals and presentations at conventions at the state, district and national levels. She has earned many awards and has served two terms as a trustee of the Bridgewater Foundation. Dr. Lydon has dedicated a lifetime to her profession.





## Esther Mesh, Class of 1930

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

**Esther Mesh graduated** from Bridgewater State Normal School in 1930. At age 102 (and a half!), Ms. Mesh has the distinction of being Bridgewater State University's oldest graduate. She lives on her own in the home her parents built. Her younger sister (aged 95) lives locally, and the two are in regular contact.

Back in the day – that would be 80 years or so ago – Ms. Mesh was an active student, partaking in all things musical, including singing alto in the glee club and playing piano for the orchestra and choir. Her passion for music led to her big break in teaching at a time when good jobs were hard to find. Soon after graduation, she was recruited to teach music in a school system that serviced Randolph and Braintree. She remained there for 25 years.

In October 2010, more than 50 years after her retirement, Ms. Mesh was honored to have a room in the renovated Chandler Center for the Arts dedicated in her honor, thanks to several former students.

Ms. Mesh has vivid memories of BSU. She recalls “table service” at Tillinghast Dining Hall as a “dignified occasion” and one of the many things that made BSU so special, “especially for students from working class families.” She remembers arriving via train for her graduation.

Ms. Mesh is proud to be a BSU graduate. She said that anywhere she’s been in New England, “people know of Bridgewater, and it means something to them.” Clearly, it still means something special to Ms. Mesh, and Bridgewater State University is proud she numbers among its esteemed alumni. ■

*Todd Audyatis contributed to this story.*

### Martha D. Jones Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students

DR. BETH MORIARTY

Dr. Beth Moriarty earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst; a Master of Arts in Human Development, Counseling and Family Studies at the University of Rhode Island; and a PhD in Educational Leadership at Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island. She joined the staff of BSU in 1993 as assistant director for operations management and served as associate director of residence life and housing prior to her promotion to director. Dr. Moriarty is an adjunct faculty member in BSU's Student Affairs Counseling Graduate Program. She brings her dedication to students, her passion for higher education and her considerable knowledge of best practices in her field to all her responsibilities at the university.

### Dr. Marilyn White Barry Graduate Alumni Award

THOMAS PILESKI, G'87

Thomas Pileski graduated with a Master of Science in Athletic Administration in 1987. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Northeastern University in 1967, where he lettered in baseball and football. His long and productive career includes 17 years as head baseball coach at Brockton High School, where his teams compiled a record of 263 wins and just 82 losses. His baseball teams were champions or co-champions 12 times in the Suburban League. In 2006, Mr. Pileski became director of athletics at BHS. He has served on many Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association committees and received numerous awards and citations. In 2005, he received the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit, which acknowledged his “outstanding leadership and meritorious achievement in interscholastic athletic administration.” ■



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# ClassNotes

## 1964

**Melanie Pelletier Demoranville** attended New Bedford Whaling Museum's Moby-Dick Marathon, a 25-hour, continuous reading of *Moby-Dick* from computers in a live feed. She and 30 other overnights received an autographed copy of the book.

## 1966

**James Johnston** recently published a book about slavery during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century titled *The African Son*.

## 1970

**Diane Furness** is a realtor in the Jack Conway Realtor office in Hingham.

## 1971

**Joan Hickey Menard, '67, G'71**, is acting vice president of workforce development, lifelong learning and external affairs at Bristol Community College.

## 1972

**Philip Conroy** has been appointed president of Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center.

**Ronald Wilbur, G'72**, was nominated to serve as commissioner of New Hampshire's Banking Department.

## 1973

**Lance Kisby** is chief of pediatric dentistry and program director of the pediatric dentistry residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA.

## 1977

**Judith Blinstrub** was inducted into the Babson College Athletics Hall of Fame.

## 1978

**Edward O'Leary, G'78**, is the director of operations for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and teaches part time for the Community College of Vermont and Johnson State College.

## 1979

**Margaret "Peg" Holzemer** directed a production of *The Tortoise and the Hare* at the Alley Theater in Middleboro in February.

## 1982

**Richard Kelley, G'82**, was named Silver Lake High School's teacher of the year.

**Richard Pizzuto** was honored by the Massachusetts Department of Correction at its annual DOC 2010 Beyond Excellence awards ceremony.

## 1983

**Jane Smith Callahan** is vice president of human resources for the Community Bank.

**Peter Koutoujian** was appointed sheriff of Middlesex County. (See story on page 4.)

**Nina Roberts, PhD**, is a Fulbright Scholar (study in India). She has been a college professor since 2005 and received tenure at San Francisco State University.

## 1984

**Debra Munro Burchard** was named a mortgage originator at Williamstown Savings Bank, a subsidiary of MountainOne Financial Partners.

**Edward Lambert, G'84**, is commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

## 1986

**Wayne Francis** has been appointed the principal at James F. Peebles Elementary School in Bourne.

## 1989

**Ronald McCarthy, '84, G'89**, was named the principal of Dedham High School.

**Mark Paquin** was elected a partner in Rucci, Bardaro & Barrett PC.

## 1990

**Henry Burke** was installed as district deputy grand master for the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

**Ellen Peterson** was appointed the assistant superintendent of Marshfield public schools.

## 1991

**William Conard** was named the principal of the Galvin Middle School in Canton.



## Donald K. Smith, '59, G'62

BY KAREN A. BOOTH

**Back in the day**, Donald K. Smith would have described himself as shy, a keep-to-himself kind of guy who attended classes, did the required assignments and hoped attention would be diverted elsewhere – anywhere, but not on him. But, Bridgewater State University has a way of coaxing students to be the best they can be.

Before graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Mr. Smith served as vice president of his junior and senior classes. In his words, "I came out of my shell, made friends, blossomed, really. Gone was the sheltered, conservative me. I opened my eyes. For the first time, I was able to question things. I learned from excellent faculty."

He went on to earn an MEd from BSU in 1962 and followed that with postgraduate certificates in counseling and administration in counseling from Rhode Island College.

Mr. Smith began his career as a teacher and retired after 27 years as a guidance counselor at the middle school in Seekonk. "I started teaching with others, some of whom didn't have a teacher education background, and I immediately saw the advantages of my Bridgewater experience. I remember one course, in particular – a speech class where I learned how to project my voice, develop arguments, hold eye contact, even tell stories. To be a good teacher, you can't be dull. You need to be animated, even dramatic, in your presentations. Bridgewater taught me that."

Over the years, Mr. Smith remembered his alma mater by consistently donating small amounts to the Annual Fund. "I couldn't afford too much, but it was my way of keeping in touch with the university."

As one-time vice president of his class, he was called on to help with several class reunions. And, he answered the call. But, it was his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion that inspired him to consider a planned gift, naming BSU as a beneficiary in his will. The process, he said, was painless. "I thought, 'why not?' Bridgewater's students need more support and, after I'm gone, well, I won't need the money." It was then a simple matter of contacting his attorney and adding the university to his list of beneficiaries.

Mr. Smith also participated in this year's Named Scholarship Award initiative, naming his \$2,000 scholarship the Don K. Smith, Class of '59 Scholarship in memory of Marjorie R. Smith, his older sister who died unexpectedly. "Marjorie believed strongly in education. When I was in college, she was working, and she'd give me spending money. She was a business-woman and so generous her entire life."

Today, Mr. Smith lives in West Kingston, RI, with his partner, Andrew Winters. He actively supports GLBT in his state and has spearheaded PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays). "Whenever I meet with either group, I always bring up the fact that Bridgewater was one of the first – if not, the first – educational institution to establish a scholarship for young men and women put out of their homes because of sexual orientation."

Bottom line, said Mr. Smith, "Without Bridgewater, I would not be where I am today. Bridgewater really prepared me to value the process of education – to know how to teach and to love learning. That's what Bridgewater did for me." ■



### 1996

**Todd Bazydlo** was appointed the principal of Shrewsbury High School.

### 1997

**Adam Cupples** was promoted to digital marketing officer at HarborOne Credit Union.

### 2000

**Sandra Vieira daCosta** was promoted as principal for Raymon Pielech Zexter PC, certified public accounting.

### 2001

**Kyle Alves, G'01**, is the principal of the Athol-Royalston Middle School.

**Jennifer Gurwitch** was interviewed in Plymouth's *Old Colony Memorial* newspaper about her work as a Council on Aging outreach social worker.

**Deborah Kenney, G'01**, was appointed to the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees.

### 2002

**Nancy Entwistle** received the Professional Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Health Information Management Association.

### 2003

**James Austin** joined the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank as a residential loan officer.

**Paula Habel** is Emerson College's first full-time women's lacrosse coach.



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**Margreta MacRae** was welcomed as the settled pastor at Lakeville's United Church of Christ.

**Anthony Palermo**, a U.S. Army Captain, was honored posthumously by Brockton city officials in recognition of his service in Baghdad. A bronze plaque commemorating Capt. Palermo was unveiled on Memorial Day.

#### 2004

**Amy Berdos, G'94, G'04**, was named the superintendent of schools by the Foxboro School Committee.

#### 2005

**Chelsea Fournier** is a senior associate in the Biddeford, ME, office of Furman Gregory Deptula.

#### 2006

**Nancy Hanson, G'06**, is an agent at the Hingham Real Estate Company.

**Jennifer Measor-Hunter**, along with her colleagues at the Children's Development Center in Raynham, helped collect more than 600 books to send to Ghana, Africa, in 2006. This year she will travel to Senegal to promote education and literacy among oppressed teens in Saint-Louis.

**Ellen Peterson, G'06**, was named the assistant superintendent of Marshfield public schools.

**Jacob Raposo** is a police officer in Freetown.

**Michael Souza, G'06**, has been promoted to senior vice president at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

#### 2007

**Kevin Donovan** was elected as the central files supervisor of the Dedham Institution for Savings.

**Jeanna Veneto** has been named branch manager of Mutual Bank's Brockton West Banking Center.

#### 2008

**Ashley Florek** was featured in a *Cape Cod Times* article about how Facebook forums and creative writing have helped her find expression and connection, despite her autism.

**Patrick Hoffman** was hired as a patrol officer with the Foxboro Police Department.

**Kevin Quaranto, G'08**, is the baseball coach at his alma mater, Dedham High School.

**Steven Sharek** was named the new superintendent-director of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

#### 2009

**Jonathon Beder, G'09**, was named Plymouth's director of public works.

**Tina Colombo** graduated from Army basic combat training at Fort Sill in Lawton, OK.

**Ryan Frederick** has been mobilized and activated for deployment to serve in support for either Operation New Dawn in Iraq or Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

**John Nuttall** was promoted to chief by the Abington Fire Department.

**Kevin Schleicher** was recognized by the Town of Norton for his work as a police officer.

#### 2010

**Kevin Braga, '07, G'10**, is assistant principal at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

**Ashley Dumais** was accepted into the full-time MBA program at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

**Jaimee Gardner** is the lead preschool teacher at the Martha's Vineyard Community Services Childcare Center.

**Michaela Johnson** was the 2010 winner of the FOX Providence contest *The Rhode Show: Search for a Star*. She is the contest's first female victor.

**Jennifer Moulding** graduated from Army basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC.

**Sara Smith** was a contestant on ABC's *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, winning \$19,250 in approximately 10 minutes.

**Christine Zina** graduated as an Air Force airman first class from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.





## And the number one animated hit goes to ... *Rio*, produced by Bruce Anderson, '87

BY ROBERT W. MATHESON JR., '08

**In the weeks leading up to the debut** of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox's most recent animated feature, *Rio*, Bruce Anderson, '87, the film's producer and 20-year veteran of the business, said he still feels the pressure of opening day.

"There's a high level of anticipation," he said. "All your energy and spirit have been invested in one project. It's like revealing a piece of art you've been working on for so long. You hope it's well received, but also good for business."

The 3-D, computer-animated *Rio* opened in April to critical and commercial success, earning the North American box office number one spot, taking in \$40 million and pulling off the best opening weekend of any 2011 movie to that date.

The film is the latest in Mr. Anderson's list of achievements. Since 2004, he's worked with Fox's animation arm, Blue Sky Studios, as production manager of *Ice Age: The Meltdown* (2006), producer of Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears a Who* (2008), and general manager of *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* (2009), an

animated feature that earned a record-breaking nearly \$1 billion worldwide. Bridgewater State University's Alumni Association recently honored Mr. Anderson with the Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts at its annual major awards celebration.

"It came out of the blue," said Mr. Anderson of being honored. "It's exciting and not something that you really plan for, but it's nice to be recognized."

The award is bestowed upon a BSU graduate who has demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement or whose leadership has been exemplary in the preservation and promotion of the visual or performing arts.

As a producer, Mr. Anderson spends three to four years on each film, coordinating the production schedule and running the production floor of more than 400 studio artists, technicians and managers. "It's about stitching the fabric together," he said, "and in the end you have a good movie that delivers on time."

Filmmaking is a highly collaborative art form, and Mr. Anderson said the leadership and group-facilitating skills he learned as a communication studies major at BSU helped prepare him for the profession. While motivation to work on set came from student films he produced with roommate Robert Zonfrelli, '87, he said, "College was four years of ambitious bliss. It pushed me to do better, really helped keep the fire going."

From BSU, Mr. Anderson went on to earn a master's degree in radio and television from Boston University and work odd jobs for years at Walt Disney World and Universal Studios, before becoming segment producer for the popular television series, *The All New Mickey Mouse Club*. In 1996, he landed a job at Walt Disney Feature Animation, serving as department manager for the films *Mulan* (1998), *Tarzan* (1999), and *Lilo and Stitch* (2002), as well as production manager for *Brother Bear* (2003). The rest is history.

"I just stayed persistent," said Mr. Anderson. "My advice would be to do anything you're interested in. Don't say you'd like to do it – get out and do it. Every little thing you do will be a learning experience."

Over his lengthy career, Mr. Anderson has seen emerging technologies change the face of animation. However, he said, there's always one important element a film needs in order to succeed. "There has to be good storytelling," he said. "We have to stay at the cutting edge of technology to offer adventure and excitement, but the power of the projects is the people behind them."

Mr. Anderson lives in Newtown, CT, with his wife, Mary, '89, whom he met at BSU, and their three children, Emily, Caitlin and Connor. All are fans of animated films. ■



# NotaBene



**Celebrating Cathy Burt Shachoy's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday while sporting BSC alumni T-shirts are (clockwise, from top left): Maureen Lyons Vernon, '73; Mary Chris Buckley Perry, '75; Ms. Shachoy, '72; Kathy "Bomba" Seablom Milan, '72; Betsy Mills Wall, '74; Janice "Ruby" Maselbas Sundell, '73; Helene Manson Bois, '72; and Nancy Doyle Shemeth, '72.**



**Anas Altweijer, G'09, and his children**

## **BIRTHS** *Congratulations to Bridgewater alumni on these new additions:*

To **Kristen Partridge Smith, '04**, and **Aaron Smith, '04**, a son, Dawson James, on May 8, 2011

To Mr. and Mrs. **Anas Altweijer, G'09**, a daughter, Rahma, in spring 2011

## **MARRIAGES** *The university celebrates the weddings of the following alumni:*

**Kerri Benevides, '93**, to Glenn Nunes on Nov. 27, 2010

**Christine Colucci, '97**, to David Ellington on Aug. 12, 2010

**Rebecca Antunes, '99**, to Jeffrey Soares on Oct. 16, 2010

**Jamie Wilfert, '00**, to Matthew Parker on Nov. 6, 2010

**Crystal Shurtleff, '01**, to Kevin Borges on June 26, 2010

**Patricia Connors, G'02**, to Scott Fry on July 3, 2010

Amy Longley to **Andrew Riel, '02**, on Nov. 6, 2010

**Robin Chirillo, '03**, to Robert Duff on July 31, 2010

**Courtney Ferreira, '05**, to Jeffrey Gonneville on Oct. 8, 2010

Stacey Orr to **Patrick Gallagher, '05**

**Kaitlyn MacAleese, '05**, to Michael Colp on Sept. 25, 2010

**Jamie Mahaney, '05**, to Jared Alves on July 23, 2010

**Katelyn Hart, '06**, to Anthony Raby on June 10, 2010

**Meredith McKenna, '06**, to Eric McMahon on Oct. 23, 2010

**Anne McLaughlin, '06**, to Peter MacLeod on Oct. 10, 2010

**Amy Miller, '06**, to Adam Slys, '08, on May 15, 2010

**Michelle Naples, '06**, to Brendan Fitzgerald on Sept. 18, 2010

Rachel Bloch to **Michael Rogovin, '07**, on Sept. 5, 2010

**Keri Barnum, '08**, to Fernando Rinaldi on June 26, 2010

**Dawn Brooder, '03, G'08**, to Alexander Fish on Dec. 10, 2010

**Jennifer Beaudry, '07, G'09**, to **Jeffrey Gallant, '10**, on Nov. 6, 2010

**Christine Hendrickson, '09**, to Timothy Duane on May 21, 2011

**Stacy Labonte, '06, G'09**, to Craig DeMelo on July 17, 2010

**Tracy McDermott, '09**, to Nicholas Chamberlain on Aug. 7, 2010

Deanne Viveiros to **Philip Munn, '09**, on Sept. 10, 2010

**Erin Lafferty, G'10**, to Ryan Brogna on Aug. 20, 2010

**Erin Coggins, G'10**, to David Tyrrell on Nov. 13, 2010

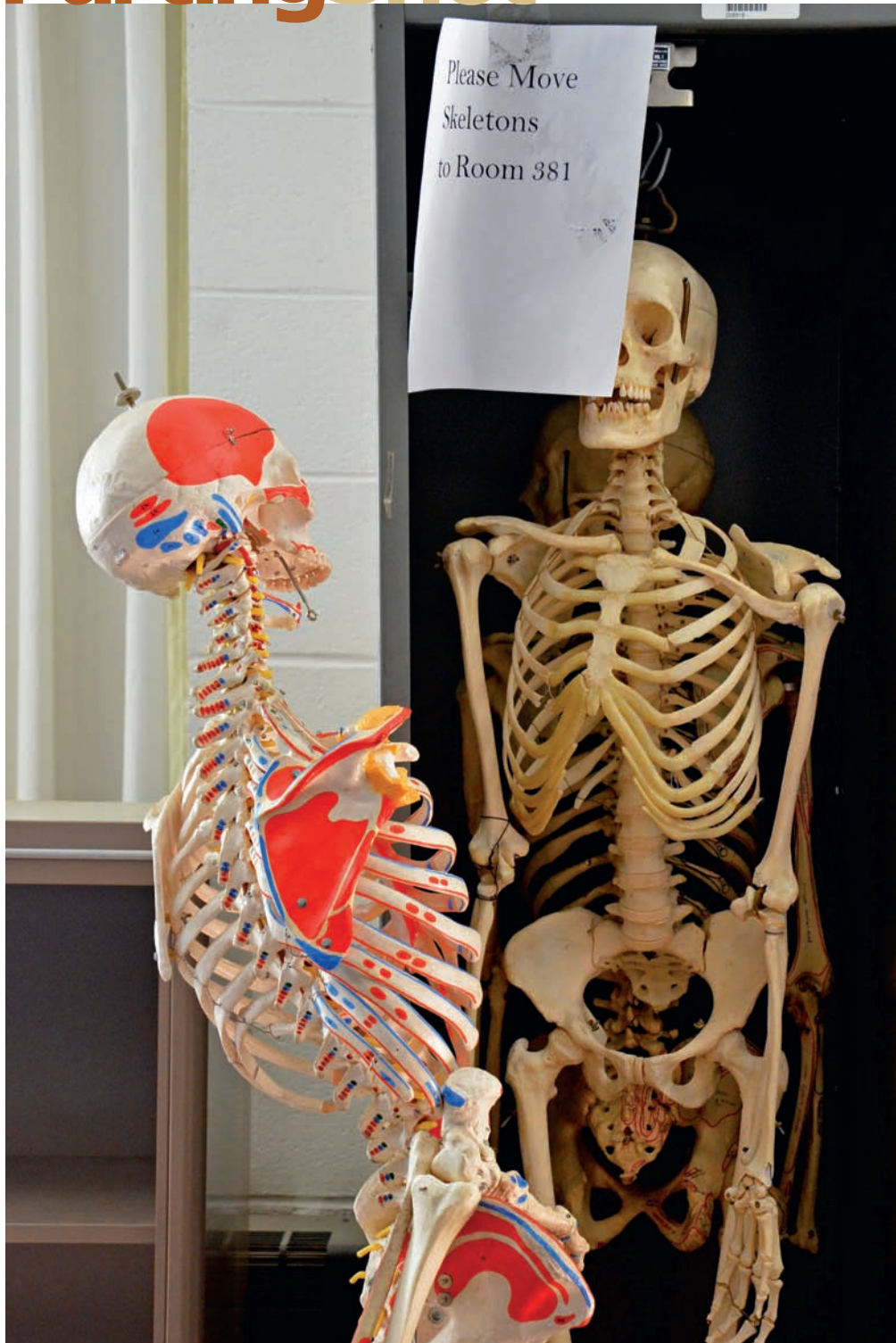


**IN MEMORIAM** *Bridgewater is saddened by the deaths of the following alumni and extends condolences to their loved ones:*

Helen Powers, '29, G'49, on Nov. 7, 2010  
Enid Scribner McGirr, '30, on March 16, 2011  
Margaret Strange Lynch, '34, on Feb. 2, 2011  
Jane Carroll Welch, '35, on Nov. 5, 2010  
Dorothy Edson Madison, '36, on April 25, 2011  
Carolyn Lindberg Smith, '36, on Feb. 25, 2011  
Wilma Quinn Fitzgerald, '37, on March 21, 2011  
Barbara Cleaves Perry, '38, on Nov. 29, 2010  
Rosina Guzzi Courtney, '39, on Dec. 6, 2010  
Theresa Kachan, '39, on Nov. 5, 2010  
Eleanor Pitts Mathes, '40, on Nov. 12, 2010  
Eileen Crean Laporte, '41, G'64, on Nov. 10, 2010  
Eunice Walker Burke, '42, on Dec. 22, 2010  
Charles Merrill, '42, on Feb. 25, 2011  
Dorothy Schrader, '42, on Feb. 22, 2011  
Ellen Roberts Ashline, '43, on Nov. 8, 2010  
Constance Kennefick, '45, on Jan. 9, 2011  
Rita Custeau, '47, on Sept. 11, 2010  
Leola Waters Santos, '49, on April 10, 2011  
Mary Parker Veale, '49, on Dec. 30, 2010  
Dorothy Moore Clary, '50, on Dec. 23, 2010  
Virginia Peebles Childs, '51, on June 11, 2011  
Harry Ohan, '51, on Jan. 17, 2011  
James Sykes, '51, on March 12, 2011  
Thomas Brunelle, '52, on Nov. 25, 2010  
Lois True Thomson, '52, on March 27, 2011  
Jean Mahoney Watt, '52, on Feb. 7, 2011  
Mary Londergan Casavant, G'52, on April 20, 2011  
Barbara Wittig Sanford, '53, on Dec. 3, 2010  
Alphonse Saulino, '53, on March 17, 2011  
Warren Davis, G'53, on May 26, 2011  
Anne Kenneally Hynes, '54, on Feb. 11, 2011  
Wayne Thomas, '54, on Nov. 10, 2010  
Geraldine Milbier Crowley, G'54, on Dec. 29, 2010  
Michael Hadala, G'54, on March 17, 2011  
Doris Swales Estes, '55, on April 11, 2011  
Kenneth Rickson, G'56, on Dec. 10, 2010  
William Chapman, G'57, on Feb. 17, 2011  
June Westgate Millett, G'57, on April 2, 2011  
Virginia Hulbert Milne, '58, on Jan. 20, 2011  
Carolyn O'Shea-Quinn Cabral, '59, on May 7, 2011  
John Barry, G'60, on Nov. 10, 2010  
Curtis Boyden, G'60, on Dec. 31, 2010  
Joseph Flynn, G'61, on March 27, 2011  
Lou Gorman, G'61, on April 1, 2011  
Lana Steele Argir, '62, on April 18, 2011  
Thomas Walsh, '63, G'67, on Feb. 24, 2011  
Thomas Krueger, '64, on Dec. 26, 2010  
Bradford Sherman, G'64, on May 24, 2011  
Janet Libby Curlew, '65, in November 2010  
Jeremiah McCarthy, '65, on Nov. 29, 2010  
Selma Smith, '65, on May 18, 2011  
John Cummings, G'65, on May 8, 2011  
Stella Stanek Borowiec, '66, G'73, on March 26, 2011  
Abel Pimental, '66, on Sept. 8, 2010  
Isabelle O'Brien Blake, '67, on March 29, 2011  
Linda Bergstrom, '68, on Dec. 14, 2010  
John Rogon, '70, on Feb. 2, 2011  
Elizabeth Baker Carlson, '71, on Jan. 14, 2011  
Virginia Dondero, '72, on March 18, 2011  
James Doody, '72, G'85, on Feb. 6, 2011  
Patricia Metrano, '72, on March 22, 2011  
Albert Ferreira, '74, G'94, on March 14, 2011  
Barbara DeCourcy Manganiello, '74, on May 7, 2011  
Arthur Dutra, G'74, on March 22, 2011  
John Franklin, G'74, on Oct. 16, 2010  
Kathleen Lynch Traficanti, G'74, G'01, on May 6, 2011  
Richard Fontaine, '75, on Dec. 18, 2010  
Philip Greim, '75, on Jan. 27, 2011  
Susan Donaldson Leddy, '75, on Dec. 4, 2010  
Carol Bissonnette, G'75, on Nov. 10, 2010  
Louis DeMarco, G'75, on Dec. 16, 2010  
Linda Gunderson, G'75, on Dec. 25, 2010  
Arthur Cormier, '76, on Feb. 26, 2011  
Jane Dybowski, '76, on Dec. 10, 2010  
Lynne Rosewell, '76, on March 12, 2011  
Howard Campbell, G'76, on April 20, 2011  
Jean Unwin, '77, on March 19, 2011  
Concetta Werner, G'77, on Dec. 16, 2010  
Pamela Amoroso, G'78, on Jan. 19, 2011  
Jean Sullivan Donoghue, '79, on Feb. 23, 2011  
Judith Flynn, G'81, on Oct. 7, 2010  
Maureen Frasca Lewis, '82, on Dec. 31, 2010  
David Denekamp, '84, on Dec. 8, 2010  
Shaun McGaughey, '89, on Jan. 12, 2011  
Gideon Webster, '92, on Dec. 23, 2010  
Heidi Magoon-Connor, G'92, on May 6, 2011  
Doreen Traynum, '03, on March 4, 2011  
Jeffrey Robinson, G'03, on Jan. 27, 2011  
Vanessa Gorman, '04, on March 9, 2011  
Linda Green, '09, on Oct. 20, 2010  
Lawrence Mish, professor emeritus of the Department of Biological Sciences, on May 9, 2010



# PartingShot



Residents of BSU's Marshall Conant Science Building, these skeletons are among the many lab specimens readied for the move into their new home.

After 47 years of serving thousands of students, the old brick structure closed its doors in August, replaced by the gleaming new, glass-encased Science and Mathematics Center, which opened in September. Phase I of construction done, the new building will be fully completed by fall 2012, ready to meet the needs of thousands more students to come.



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# LookingBack



**SYLVIA KEYES** was the founding faculty member and first acting chairperson of the Department of Management and Aviation Science at Bridgewater State University. Professor Keyes was interviewed and hired during the spring semester of 1981, and in turn she hired the first faculty members, who included Kathleen Seigny, Mercer Fellouris and Harold Silverman.

In 1985, Professor Keyes founded the Bridgewater State University chapter of the American Marketing Association and served as adviser or co-adviser from the organization's first year until 2005. In recognition of this and many other initiatives on behalf of students, Professor Keyes received in 2000 the university's Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students. She was also recognized by the American Marketing Association as its Faculty Adviser of the Year (1995 and 1997) and received the New England Direct Marketing Association's Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Marketing (2000).

Professor Keyes retired from the university in 2010. (by David K. Wilson, '71)